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# *Time for a Fresh Start*

Every new beginning is a blank canvas, a fresh start. Each year, when the clock strikes midnight and it becomes January 1st, we get to begin again.

We set goals for the new year and try to create a new masterpiece. Just like each calendar year is a fresh start, so is each academic year and each semester. We start the semester with a blank slate—we can earn any grades we work hard enough for, we can make new friends, we can try new things, and we can meet new goals. With the dawn of each new year at GW, each class is given their own blank canvas. This academic year, the Class of 2017 left high school and came to college. The Class of 2016 put their freshman year behind them and returned more confident than the year before. The Class of 2015 began to look to the future, to think about life and goals after college. The Class of 2014 graduated, leaving their undergraduate years behind and entering the real world. As our lives progress, we add brush strokes to our canvas, working towards a finished piece. The truth is though, even when one masterpiece is complete—our collection is not. Throughout our lifetimes, we continue adding works of art to our gallery, each fresh start and new beginning a piece in our final exhibition.

—Madeleine Fazio, Editor-in-chief







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# Dance the Night Away

Timeflies makes a splash at Fall Fest for hundreds of students and alumni.

The hazy, overcast weather couldn't stop hundreds of students from flooding to University Yard on Saturday, August 31st to enjoy thumping beats and what was left of the summer heat. Each year, the GW Program Board invites a musical guest to perform on the last day of Welcome Week to celebrate the start of fall semester. The fun began way before the acts were up on stage with free giveaways from corporate sponsors, complimentary refreshments, and games to kick off the event.

Timeflies was the headlining act

this year with YouTube sensation DJ Earworm as their opener. DJ Earworm, known for his annual "United States of Pop" mash-ups and other clever mixes, started the party at 5 P.M. with a clever fusion of top ranked songs on Billboard magazine and catchy summer singles like "The Other Side" by Jason Derulo and "Alive" by Krewella.

About an hour later, Timeflies rocked the stage amid bright, flashing lights and an energized crowd. Their act featured many of their up-and-coming original songs, but they also performed covers of popular hits

such as "We Are Young" by Fun and "Under the Sea" from the Little Mermaid soundtrack. They were so into the performance the duo doused a lucky few in the front row with water bottles to help cool them down. They sang a well-constructed, original and satisfyingly relevant rap about GW culture making references to Froggy Bottom Pub, GW Deli, presidential motorcades, and Kerry Washington to the tune of "Space Jam" by Quad City DJ's. They wrapped up the set, and this yearly iconic event, with their single "I Choose U."

## Performers

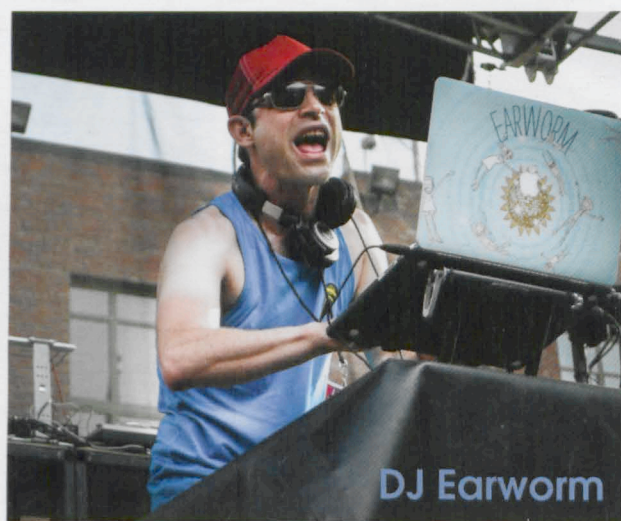
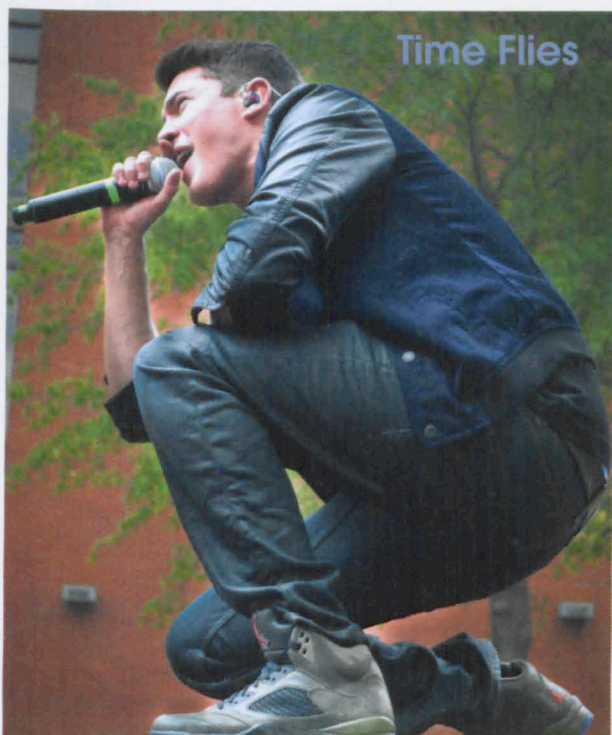


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At GW there are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved in the community. 2013 marked the fifth year of Freshman Day of Service, a day unique to incoming GW freshmen. As an answer to Michelle Obama's call to action for community service, last year's university community clocked in 254,000 hours of community service, far exceeding her 100,000-hour challenge. In past years, thousands of freshmen have partaken in various community-building service projects, allowing them to get in touch with those most in need in the local community. In past years, students served by painting, gardening, and cleaning at retirement homes and D.C. public schools.

This year's theme was "Fulfilling the Dream of Democracy," connected to the university's year-long series of

service events, "Pro [Claiming] Freedom," celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. This year's convocation and service mission also commemorated the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance as well as the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.

The day began with Convocation in the Smith Center, where President Steven Knapp, Provost Steven Lerman, and keynote speaker Roslyn Brock, GW trustee and chair of the NAACP national board, welcomed this year's freshmen to the university and to our esteemed legacy of community service.

After Convocation, students participated in over 40 service projects across the district that directly impacted

the D.C. community. Students replaced landscaping and removed evasive species, contributing to city beautification and environmental care, and painted 18,000 square feet of walls at the D.C. Fire and EMS Training Academy to name a few of the beautification projects. Students even constructed literacy kits for local students and aid kits for the families of military personnel and first responders.

The annual Freshman Day of Service allows for a great start to the year by giving new students the opportunity to explore D.C. and learn about the community they will be living in for the duration of college. It also serves as a preface for a lifetime of working together to help others. As Brock remarked in her keynote address, "Life is about others. And service to others, my friends, is the rent we pay for the space we occupy."



# A Legacy of Service

Students, staff, and faculty serve the DC Community for GW's fifth annual Freshman Day of Service in memory of 9/11



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# A Colonial *Family Invasion*

Parents, students, and faculty joined together for a weekend of festivities celebrating GW pride.

Colonials Weekend, also known as Parents Weekend, is an annual two and a half day event that showcases GW's best of student life and school organizations. Parents from all over the country and across the globe come to visit their kids and absorb what GW has to offer. This year was no exception. Parents and students were able to roam around campus and enjoy all the festivities GW had to offer. The schedule included events from various departments, such as the Lewis Cotlow Student Research Conference, Dancing with Parents and Students, Dean's Breakfasts, and lectures from esteemed guests. The Theater and Dance Department held

a Cabaret Showcase exhibiting the best of student acting and singing. They also performed their main stage show, *Dead Man's Cell Phone*.

Hundreds of students and parents packed into Lisner Auditorium to hear Grammy-award nominated group The Fray perform exclusively for the GW community. The Fray achieved success with their chart-topping singles "How to Save a Life" and "Over My Head (Cable Car)" in the early 2000s, and has since then continued to release hit singles. Their most recent album, *Scars and Stories*, was released last year with "Heartbeat" and "Run for Your Life" as their lead singles.

Parents and students also partook

in activities like the GW TRAiLS outdoor adventure festival, the Multicultural Student Services Center Open House, and even a massage therapy demonstration. The Mount Vernon Campus also held Oktoberfest, a festival of fun fall activities, and a CSI-style murder mystery. Colonials Invasion fired up a crowd of basketball fans in the Smith Center with performances by GW Gymnastics, GW Bhangra, the cheer team, and The Voice Gospel Choir. This weekend of fun-filled activities and the opportunity to unite with the faculty to celebrate GW pride has families coming back every year. Colonials Weekend 2014 is scheduled for October 17th to 19th.



Performance by The Fray

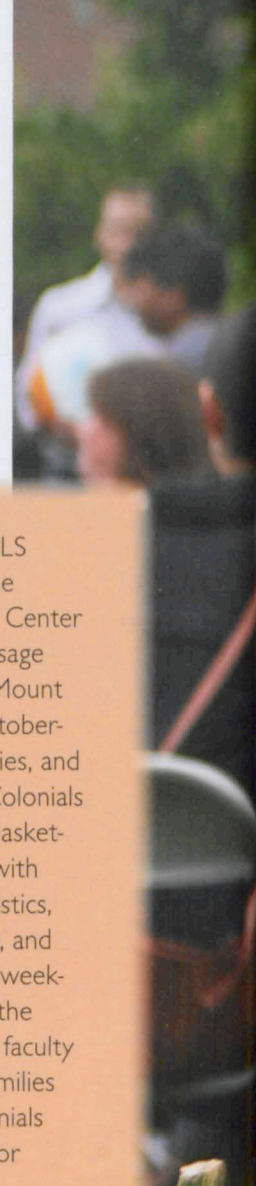
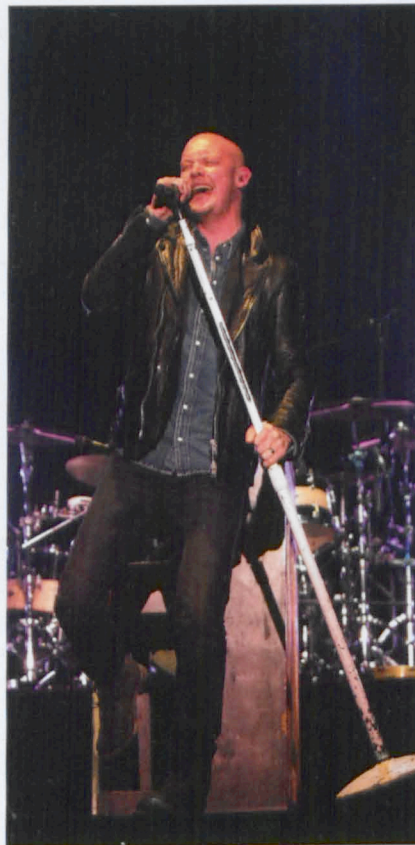




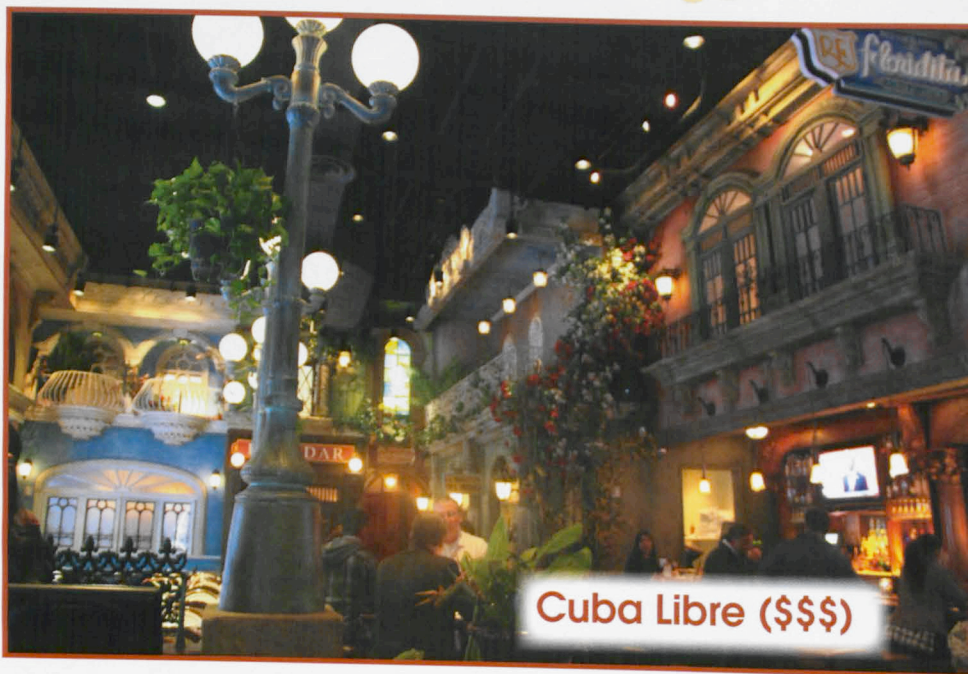


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# Dining in DC

Your guide to great restaurants around the city.



**Cuba Libre (\$\$\$)**

On the corner of H Street and 9th Street in Chinatown, Cuba Libre draws in customers with its brightly lit sign and seemingly ordinary, yet inviting, double doors. However, upon opening them, you're immediately transported to the streets of a village in the tropics, with lively Latin music booming from the speakers. The ambiance alone is worth a visit, but dishes like shrimp ceviche, seafood paella, and a Cuban sandwich combo meal called "Visit to Havana" are too good to pass up. For the older kids, Cuba Libre offers refreshing mojitos as their house specialty, as well as cocktails and sangria. As my server remarked, "There is more rum in this place than food."

If you don't look carefully, you might miss this hip, underground ramen bar located in Adams Morgan. Once you descend the stairs, you are greeted by a friendly usher who seats you at a sophisticatedly-decorated table in this cozy restaurant. The ultimate Asian comfort food, the chefs at Sakuramen pride their ramen dishes in their authenticity and quality ingredients. Menu items include



**Sakuramen (\$\$)**

classic miso ramen, a Korean-inspired ramen called chosun, and traditional shoyu ramen called Gojiramen, named after the iconic Japanese monster Godzilla.



Located on the Georgetown Waterfront, GW students are a brief walk away from interesting Asian-fusion food with a touch of sophistication.

The walls of the restaurant are painted a rich red with tasteful gold accents for its décor, adding an intimate yet indulgent feel to the atmosphere. You may sample some of their many specialty dumplings or partake in their generously-sized entrée plates, like Singapore Noodles or Basil Beef Broccoli with rice. Bangkok Joe's also sells its gourmet sauces by the bottle, so you are able to enjoy a meal just as delicious at home.

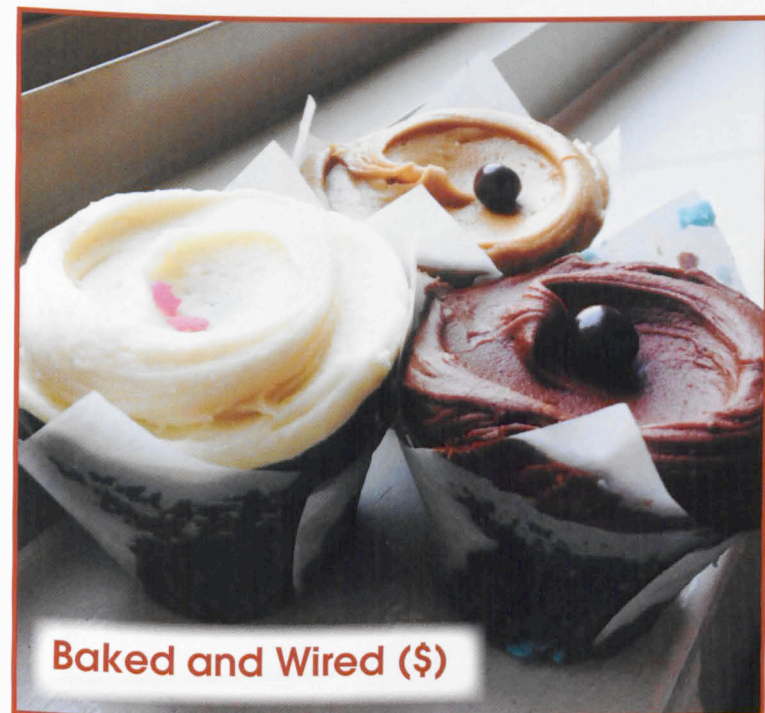


**Bangkok Joe's (\$\$)**



**W**icked Waffle is not hard to spot from afar. It's eye-catching checkered sign and giant tubs of Nutella at

the window make its presence known. Numerous sandwich options grace the large menu, from classics like ham and cheese to unique combinations like mango and brie, Wicked Waffle has a sandwich fit for any mood. Crispy and light waffles are used instead of bread for the sandwiches, adding a unique spin to an already satisfying meal. They also serve sweet waffles with many toppings to choose from, as well as Moorenko's homemade ice cream.



**Baked and Wired (\$)**



**Julia's Empanadas (\$)**

**D**.C. might as well be named the cupcake capital of the world because there are countless cupcake shops around. However, many claim that Baked and Wired makes the best cupcakes in the city. Their "cakecups" have uniquely named flavors like "Chocolate Cupcake of Doom" and "Razmanian Devil," highlighting the creative flavor combinations of the cupcakes. Inside, customers can relax on vintage couches and chairs while admiring local art, or enjoy their treats by the Potomac.

**A** small specialty store with locations in Adams Morgan, Columbia Heights, and Dupont Circle, Julia's Empanadas serves empanadas hot and ready to go at a moment's notice. These pastry-wrapped treats are perfect for when you need to grab a quick bite on the go. Inexpensive yet filling, the empanadas are "made by hand, baked with love," with mouthwatering flavors like chorizo, spinach, Chilean style beef, and Jamaican Style (ground beef with Jamaican spices). ww



# When You're Low on Dough

You're at your favorite place to eat on campus. Hungry, yet excited, you hand your GWorld card to the cashier without a second thought. Then, unexpectedly, he says the words you never wanted to hear. "Your GWorld was declined."

With the amount of Colonial Cash deposited in GWorld accounts at the beginning of each semester, students are bound to run out at the most inopportune times of the year. However, the GW campus makes it easy for a student to make it through the week with some free meals. Here are some top ways to find free food at GW.



**2. Hall Staff:** They are in your hall to advise you, but they also make great company. Strike up some conversation over the cookies or pancakes your house staff makes.

**3. Hall Council Events:** The executive board of your residence hall council works hard to hold programs that are both fun and beneficial to the residents. To draw you in, most of these events have free pizza or snacks. Go enjoy some free food while getting to know the people who want to improve resident life.



**1. Cultural Organization Events:** Spend some time with good food and company with events from multicultural organizations. Whether it's curry from the Asian Student Alliance, pho from the Vietnamese Student Association, or pancit from the Philippine Cultural Society, you can enjoy food from around the world without hurting your pocket.



**10. Professors:** It is easy to receive mentorship from a professor once you take upper-division classes or do research in the department. Surprisingly, if you're close enough to your professor, he or she may take you and your fellow students out to lunch around campus. This isn't a very common occurrence, but if you have shown hard work and dedication to your class or research project, they may treat you to a department-funded meal.





#### 5. Student Org General Body Meetings:

If you find that many of the hundreds of clubs at GW pique your interest, it might be helpful to go out to the general body meetings to see what they're about. There will almost always be some refreshments there. Meet the members of the club and enjoy some snacks while you're at it.



**6. Midnight Breakfast:** Both GW faculty and staff are invited to volunteer to serve students a hearty breakfast at the annual tradition of Midnight Breakfast. Admission to the event is free for a full plate of breakfast food, as well as stress relief activities and food eating contests.



#### 4. Department Parties:

Some GW departments hold meet and greet events and colloquiums that are sure to have some free pizza or cookies. Even if you were initially drawn in by the free food, meet a couple of professors or students in your major while you're there.

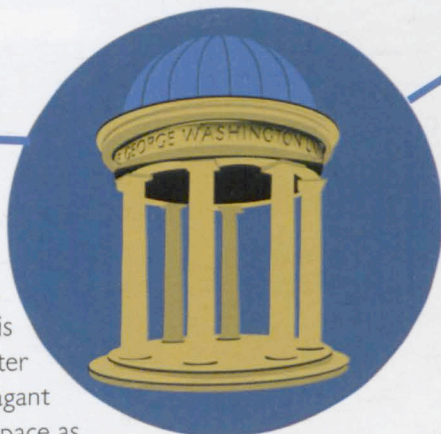


**7. Residence Hall Lobbies:** Sometimes if you're lucky, there will be an organization at the lobby of your residence hall handing out free pizza, ice cream, or sandwiches.



#### 8. Tailgates:

Going out to tailgate parties for GW Basketball games can be a great way to show school spirit and get a free meal. If you are patient enough to wait in line for hot dogs and hamburgers, this is the thing for you.



#### 9. Kogan and U-Yard:

On your way to class, there might be an event going on at the campus quads giving away free food. This year's unveiling of the Marvin Center second floor was an extravagant event that included a tour of the space as well as a free barbecue lunch. Restaurants and markets may even be there handing out free samples to promote their food.

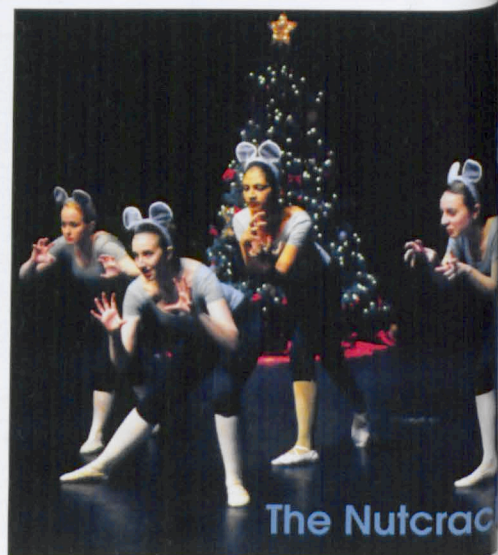




## Balance Graces the Stage

### Song and Dance Unite in Christmas Ballet Classic

This year's holiday season here at GW was made even more special with Balance's annual performance of the ballet classic "The Nutcracker." Student Katie Willard, who saw Balance's "The Nutcracker" for the first time this year to see some of her friends perform, raved about what an impressive performance it was. "The choreography was very good. I would recommend that others go see it, I was impressed by my friends' and the others' talent," Katie said. Costumes were well-designed and the memorable "Nutcracker" music flowed nicely with Balance's graceful and elegant routines. Katie also shared, "My favorite part of the show was the Sugar Plum Fairy dance," which is most certainly a highlight of this beloved Christmas ballet show. Miss Willard intends on going to future Balance performances, and the GW community should definitely join her in doing so. Congratulations to the Balance team for their hard work!







# Holiday Spirit Around the District

The diverse student body at GW found much to celebrate during the holiday season.

When the weather outside was frightful, many students still took the time to enjoy the holiday season with events on campus and around town, even amidst the chaos of final exams and term papers.

The District kicked off the holiday festivities with the National Hanukkah Menorah Lighting on November 27, 2013. At the Ellipse, a grassy area just south of the White House, one candle was lit on the first night, with each additional candle lit on each successive night of Hanukkah. Braving the cold, a crowd gathered at the Ellipse for the ceremony, honoring the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem

and celebrating religious freedom and hope.

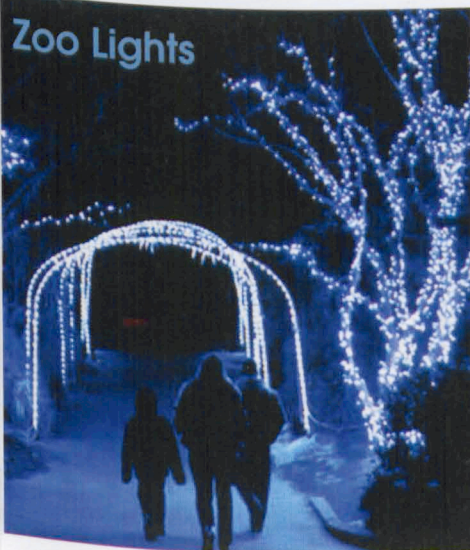
On December 6th, hundreds of people waited in the cold and rain all day to see the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Each year, organizations from each state provide decorations for the National Christmas Tree. The live 40-foot Colorado blue spruce was transported from York, Pennsylvania to the Ellipse. Some students were able to see the National Christmas Tree Lighting in person, where Mariah Carey, Aretha Franklin, The Avett Brothers and more performed at the ceremony. Passersby were also able to enjoy the

tree throughout December.

Students also enjoyed ice-skating at the National Gallery of Art's Sculpture Garden, as well as in the Georgetown Waterfront plaza. The Kennedy Center and our own ballet company, GW Balance, put on performances of *The Nutcracker*, a classic holiday tale. The National Zoo's free event, ZooLights, offered a beautiful display of animated lights as well as winter-themed crafts and ice sculpting demonstrations. No matter how GW students chose to celebrate the holidays, D.C. offered many ways to enjoy good fun with great company.



Zoo Lights



The National Tree



The National Menorah







# Sparks and Sweets

Students Enjoy a Bonfire in Honor of  
George Washington's Birthday

This year marks George Washington's 282nd birthday, and as a longstanding tradition, students and faculty celebrated this occasion with a warm bonfire and sweet s'mores in University Yard. In 1879, Congress called for an annual celebration of his birthday, which led to the third Monday of every February being recognized as a federal holiday. On Foggy Bottom, the University's students and faculty celebrate his birthday in style every year with activities for everyone to enjoy.

The festivities began at 6pm on Friday, February 7, 2014 as part of

Homecoming Week, where the GW men's basketball team was slated to play Fordham that Saturday. The bonfire featured musical performances by the Colonial Brass band and a local trio dressed in traditional revolutionary attire.

After the lighting of the bonfire, President Steven Knapp sang "Hail to the Buff and Blue," the university's fight song. Those in attendance were able to enjoy President Knapp's company in a more casual, relaxed environment, as well as take pictures with the George mascots. As the bonfire roared, the crowd gathered around small grills

to roast their own marshmallows for s'mores, a treat that is offered every year at the bonfire.

Enjoying the sweets and the traditional music from the brass band, the attendees gathered around the bonfire's warmth on the crisp February night. Celebrating the birthday of our university's namesake is a great way to foster a sense of community among the students, faculty and alumni. Members of the GW community will always be a part of this meaningful event by being brought together through the spirit of one of the most influential figures in history.







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# Rock U Yard

Spring Fling 2014 brings music, food, and fun in the sun.

On Saturday, April 12th, 2014, the GW student body gathered on University Yard for our Annual Spring Fling concert. With an exciting line-up of performers, free food, and fun giveaways, the hundreds of students in attendance had an awesome afternoon under the sun—and took plenty of selfies to document the day.

Students from all different majors, classes, and areas of interest came to see a diverse line-up of performers. First up was the band Wavves, a San Diego rock band with a unique sound and a large fanbase here at GW. Freshman Kaylee McNeil, a San Diego native and long-time fan of Wavves, said that it was “cool to see a less-known band play.” Students were so pumped to see Wavves perform that a mosh-pit opened up in the crowd, causing some major chaos. Alongside

Wavves were DC’s own Congo Sanchez and GWU’s own Haile Supreme. The three artists commanded the stage and put on an unforgettable Spring Fling show.

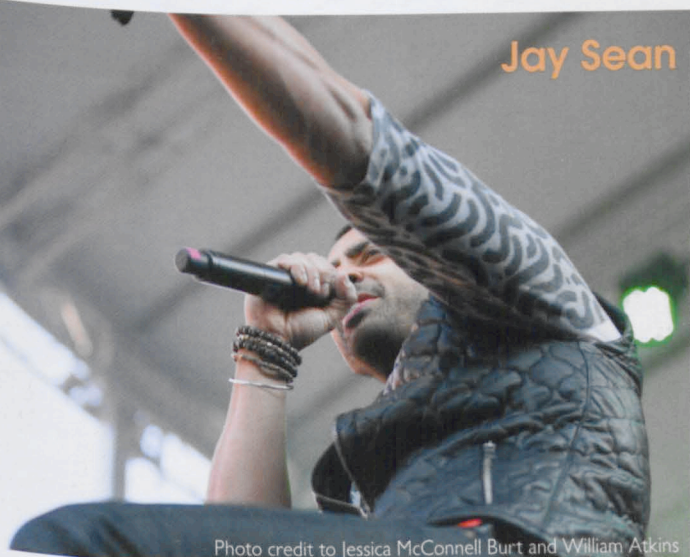
Following the opening bands was the much-anticipated headliner, Jay Sean. Best known for his 2009 hit single “Down,” Sean took over Spring Fling with several popular songs, back-up dancers, and an undeniable energy that kept the crowd jumping. Like last year’s performer, Macklemore, Jay Sean took a selfie on a GW student’s phone—a recurring trend among GW’s guest performers. Students danced and sang along with their friends to Sean’s songs.

A tremendous amount of work and months of planning went into planning this year’s Spring Fling. From booking the performers to finding local restaurants and companies to donate their services,

pulling off a successful Spring Fling is no small feat. Sabrina Sandler, a freshman on the Program Board—the student organization that plans major campus events throughout the year—described this year’s Spring Fling as “a great environment full of GW students proud of their community and all of the hard work Program Board put in.”

Students also enjoyed the complimentary pizza and tank tops as added perks. Overall, this year’s Spring Fling was another amazing example of the unity that defines the GW community, and we Colonials look forward to more exciting entertainers, free food, and endless fun in the coming years! Congratulations to the Program Board on another successful school-wide event.

## Performers





# Fashion Forward

GW Senior Frank Huynh Strives to Pursue his Passion.

Washington, DC is steadily becoming one of the centers of international fashion. Through DC Fashion Week, held twice a year in February and September, the District's hottest designers are able to showcase their work. Frank Huynh, a senior at GW majoring in biology with a minor in theatre, presented his Fall 2014 collection from his line, Lê Tâm, at the Metropolitan Emerging Designers and Indie Artists Showcase on Saturday, February 22, 2014. "I had always wanted to apply to

DC Fashion Week, but I had no money to apply. But then, a bunch of my friends organized a fundraiser online and ended up raising two times

the amount of money I needed. After that, I began a collection over winter break with twelve looks and worked on one look a day." His Fall 2014 collection is inspired by the board game, chess, with a bit of influence from Japanese street fashion.

Huynh recalls his foray into fashion fondly. "Back when I was in the 10th grade, I needed to get a present for my little cousin's birthday party, but I didn't have a job at the time, so I couldn't really buy her anything. "I came up with the idea of creating something for a little stuffed animal that she really liked and ended up piecing together a patchwork vest out of some leftover pant hem fabric that my mom usually throws away. From that, I figured, 'If I

can make clothes for stuffed animals, why can't I for real people?'"

Before coming to GW, Huynh's skills with sewing and fashion were self-taught. As a hobby, he would sketch silhouettes from what inspired him and did his patterning using newspaper. Once he began his undergraduate studies, he began working in the costume shop in the theatre department where he was mentored by students and faculty on more technical skills. He has established his identity as a womens-

wear designer, creating a wide range of looks with sleek, clean lines and a slight edge.

Aside from fashion, he is president of the University's Vietnamese Student Association and is heavily involved with UNAVSA, the Union of North

American Vietnamese Student Associations. He also works as the community outreach assistant for Asian-American and Pacific Islander Affairs in the DC Mayor's Office. Even while juggling these responsibilities, he finds time to work on his designs. However, he doesn't see himself pursuing fashion alone. "It's always been a hobby. Maybe if I'm financially secure in the future I'll pursue it, but I'll still continue to do a bit on the side for private business clients." For others wondering if they should follow their passion, he had this to say: "Be smart about it and know what it's going to take. Have a plan of action. But if you're truly passionate about it, follow it, of course!"

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# Blooming Beauties

The cherry blossoms brought a bright touch of spring colors after an unseasonably cold winter.

Because of the continuing cold through the spring season this year in the District, the cherry blossoms bloomed at a later time than usual. The date of peak bloom, or when about 70 percent of the flowers are out, was April 10, 2014. The National Mall and the Tidal Basin was lined with fluffy pink blossoms. Regardless of the blossoms' late arrival, the National Cherry Blossom Festival was in full swing from March 20 to April 13, featuring many cultural performances, exhibits, and special events. One notable event was the Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival, where martial artists demonstrated their skills and vendors sold Japanese products. The festival parade this year had many special guests, including Miss America 2014 Nina Davuluri and pop sensation Aaron Carter. Our very own co-ed a cappella group, the GW Vibes, also won the festival's local talent competition. Visitors could also take paddle boats along the Tidal Basin, have picnics on

the Mall, or just walk around and enjoy the view.

The cherry trees in the District have a very rich and positive history. The first ceremonial planting of the cherry trees occurred on March 27, 1912 by First Lady Helen Taft and Japanese Viscountess Iwa Chinda. The two original trees are still standing today near the John Paul Jones statue on the northern bank of the Basin. As a gift from Yokohama, Japan to Washington, D.C., over 3,020 trees were planted throughout the Mall and memorial parks. At present, there are approximately 3,700 cherry trees in the area. Walking among the cherry blossoms is the perfect way to spend a break from studying, as many students were spotted enjoying the blooms and taking lots of pictures. It is difficult to imagine the GW student experience without the fun and beauty of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, as it is one of the defining moments of the academic year.









# Celebrating Science



In early October, a select few GW Physics majors were chosen to attend the event of a lifetime—an elegant celebration with the American Institute of Physics preceding the announcement of the 2013 winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics. The attendees mingled with past Nobel Prize winners and distinguished guests from the local scientific community, including Nobel Prize winners John Mather and Adam Riess. The festivities included gourmet food, live physics demonstrations led by members of the Society of Physics Students and raffle prizes. Two GW students won two out of the three lunches with Nobel Laureates offered in the drawing. One of the Nobel Laureates, William Daniel Phillips, was gracious enough to come to a luncheon at GW.

Phillips graduated from Juniata College summa cum laude in 1970 and received his PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He wrote his doctoral thesis on the magnetic moment of the proton in water molecules and later did work on Bose-Einstein condensates. With former Secretary of Energy Steven Chu and Claude Cohen-Tannoudji, Phillips won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1997 for developing methods to trap atoms using laser light. During the luncheon, he explained in great detail about his research and its relevance to future studies of atom behavior. “If we are able to slow down these atoms, we’ll be able to study them for longer periods of time,” said Phillips. For every question, from his research, to education and even how he grew such a great beard, he had a detailed answer, giving everyone the opportunity to get to know the Nobel Laureate on a personal level.

Even though his years of being a student are over, Phillips is still a true scholar of the scientific world. As he continued to speak, those who were present could sense the passion Phillips had about his work and how much he learns about the scientific community every day. Not only this, but he realizes the potential of young science students and the difference they can make in research and the workforce. When asked what advice he would give to current college students, he said, “Just find what you love, and do it. That’s all you need to do.”

## Attendees







“Just find what you love, and do it. That’s all you need to do.”

—William Daniel Phillips



## Q&A with Attendee Lianna Havel

**What inspired you to come to the talk?**

At any given moment, it seems that GW has a million different speakers on campus. As an SMPA student, I realized that there were brilliant lecturers coming to talk about subjects about which I knew nothing. I thought that seeing Nobel physicist William Phillips would be a great and educational opportunity to expand my horizons while getting to learn about something that someone in my major would not know anything about.

**What did you take from it?**

The thing that struck me the most was the normalcy of the man. In my head I always think of Nobel Laureates as elite geniuses who know that they are destined to win big; however, Phillips was so down to earth and expressed his surprise at winning for something about which he was passionate. It really made me realize that pursuing your dreams, no matter how seemingly small, benign or humble, can ultimately make the world a better place.

**What did Phillips say that stuck with you the most?**

It is something that he only mentioned briefly, but today, even several months later, I still remember it. He said that time passes at different speeds depending on where someone is on

the planet. Even if it is just by millionths of a second, it really made me think about how almost everything (even things we think of as absolute, such as time) is relative. What I feel and think is not the same as what everyone else experiences. It was a scientific lesson that has humanitarian ramifications.

**How could you relate to the talk?**

Phillips engaged us by talking about what I am sure is an obscenely complex scientific issue and putting it in simple terms that even a political communication major, like myself, could understand. I left his lecture feeling a little more knowledgeable about a world of science that I knew nothing about prior to hearing him speak.

**What is a similar experience you have had at GW?**

At a school that has professors who were speechwriters for President Nixon, world famous chefs, ambassadors and so much more, there is never an excuse to not be learning something here. But the fact that the school can also draw great physicists like William Phillips is truly breathtaking. Hearing him speak reminded me of all of the times I have seen important, powerful and interesting people speak on this campus and just reiterated to me that I am so lucky to go to this school.





The GW Alternative Breaks program offered six winter break trips and 11 spring break trips to both domestic and international locations. Each trip had its own unique service area, from sustainability to education to labor rights. The pre-trip education component allowed for GW students to delve into the situation they found themselves in once they were in the field doing service. Most trips featured service activities during the day, and bonding and exploring the area in the evenings. GW Alt Breaks offered GW students the opportunity to be global citizens and leaders while building lasting friendships with people from all over the GW community.

This year's chairs were Sarah Carson and Rebecca Rick, operations was Michael Cuttler, treasurers were Kelly Emerson and Siddhi Salvi, public relations and communications were Audrey Alexander and Avra Bossov, fundraising and development were Patrick Cero and Rauvin Joji and leadership development was Alex Immekus.

Some of the highlights of this year's

trips were: AWB Los Angeles served with the Sunrise Community Outreach Clinic, Skate for Educate, St. Francis Center, and Homeboy Industries Tour. They also explored LA favorites, like In 'N Out, the Hollywood Sign, and the Garageboard shop. AWB Puerto Rico participated in permaculture design workshops, worked on farms, served in Maricao, attended a Food of Our Age conference with Dr. Brunner, served at Tierra Prometida & One Ten Thai Garden, and spent free time at Crash Boat and Playuela Beaches. This year's AWB Nicaragua trip worked with Waves of Hope and Kids Club. They engaged in a wide variety of Spanish-English language and cultural exchanges. Along with their service, they also did yoga every morning and learned about the chocolate industry. In their down time, they had a great time zip-lining and building relationships with community partners. This year's AWB New Orleans trip worked with Rebuilding Together and KIPP Schools. Along with their service, they also toured Ward 9 to learn about the damage and recovery from Hurricane Katrina. In their

down time, they had a great time at Camp Restore and exploring New Orleans!

Every year Alternative Breaks looks to expand their programs. This year one of the new trips brought students to Detroit. Through partnerships with the AmeriCorps Urban Safety Project, the Heidelberg Project, Fourth Street Church and the Michigan Urban Farming Initiative, students helped renew and revitalize once-abandoned neighborhoods. They helped build out urban farms on vacant properties, volunteered alongside AmeriCorps members to help ensure safe routes for children walking to and from school and worked at a multi-service downtown soup kitchen.

While other students chose to spend their breaks on beaches, Alternative Breaks participants opted out of this leisurely week and chose to travel around the country serving communities in need. Regardless of where they chose to assist, Alternative Breaks participants dedicated themselves to a week of service and gave back to the community.





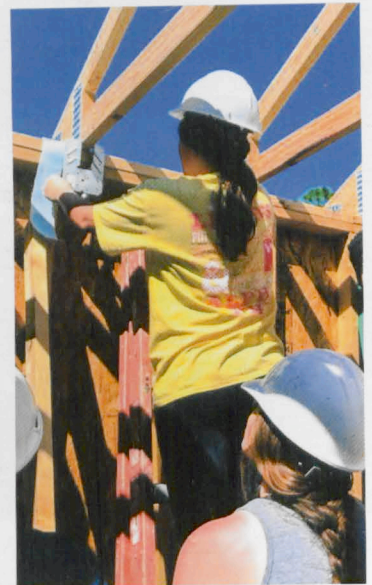
# Dare to be *Alternative*

Colonials spend their breaks serving communities in need.

## Destinations include:

Guatemala  
Nicaragua  
Puerto Rico  
Los Angeles  
New Orleans  
Costa Rica  
Alabama  
Appalachia  
Cherokee Nation

Washington D.C.  
Detroit  
Ecuador  
Immokalee  
Gullah Nation  
Joplin  
New Orleans  
New York City









# Ideas Worth Spreading

TEDxFoggyBottom "Illuminated" the Campus with Enlightening Talks from Inspired People

**T**ED (short for Technology, Entertainment, Design) began in 1984 as a conference to bring together a community of inspired thinkers and doers, challenging them to give the talk of their lives in under 18 minutes. Influential figures like Steve Jobs, David Blaine and Al Gore have spoken at TED conferences. Once TED experiences gained ground, communities were given the opportunities to hold their own TED Talks and other programs through TEDx, where the x stands for "independently organized TED event."

In 2012, the first TEDxFoggyBottom was held in the Jack Morton Auditorium with the theme "Changing Paradigms." With each succeeding year, the TEDxFoggyBottom team has held bigger and better events, with more speakers and activities. This year's event brought 21 speakers to over 1,000 attendees.

After months of preparation, the third annual TEDxFoggyBottom began early in the morning on Friday, February 7, 2014. This year's theme was "Illuminate" and aimed to shed light on fascinating adventures, stories, and projects in the community and around the world.

Four sessions of talks were held in Lisner Auditorium with speakers from across the country and even some of our own professors and students. Speakers included Kollaboration DC 2010 winner Chip Han, composer and artist Usman Riaz, YouTube band Postmodern Jukebox, and Ted Henson, co-founder of Street Sense. Throughout the event the talks were informative, conversational, and inspirational. Spoken word artist Phil Kaye told the story of how working with prison inmates on poetry writing helped with his craft. Students were inspired by many other figures as well. "Dr. Leana Wen's talk was especially riveting. Through sharing how she

overcame her stuttering, she inspired me to transcend my fears and pursue my dreams," senior Emmeline Ha remarks.

"Interactive Breaks" occurred in the Marvin Center between sessions, where proponents for innovation held a variety of exhibitions presenting new art and technology. Attendees were also able to chat with speakers and connect with them on a more intimate level, offering more insight to the attendees about what is most inspiring to them.

This year's TEDxFoggyBottom successfully provided a forum for some of the world's most inspiring people to share their experiences with the GW student body and TEDx fans in the area. With the event lasting the entire day, attendees were immersed in a TED experience that was bigger and better than those from years past. There is no doubt that next year's TEDxFoggyBottom team will aim for an even greater event.

## TEDxFoggy Bottom 2014 Included:

GW Professor Annamaria Lusardi  
GW Hospital's Dr. Leana Wen  
YouTube sensation Postmodern Jukebox  
GW students Oz Fishman and Priyanka Paradasani  
3D chalk artist Tracy Lee Stum  
Senior TED Fellow Usman Riaz  
Founder of Street Sense Ted Henson  
The Department of Innovation at the State Department's Bruce Berton  
Spoken word poet Phil Kaye  
Beat boxer Chip Han  
and more





# Fostering Knowledge

Economics Professor Irene Foster  
Weighs in on the Value of Education

Once you begin a conversation with Economics Professor Irene Foster, her bubbly and warm personality shines through right away. Since 2010, she has been teaching the principles of economics courses at GW—Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. She has already been named Professor of the Year from GW Athletes in 2010, won the Service Excellence Award in 2012, and was nominated for the Bender Teaching Award.

Throughout her undergraduate studies in India, Foster was unsure about her interest in economics. "My dad greatly influenced my education. He suggested I study econ, and I didn't care one way or another. I did well in these classes, but I didn't find it particularly interesting or life-changing." Even while pursuing a Ph.D. in economics at Purdue, the theoretical nature of the classes enforced her doubts about her path. It wasn't until she decided to switch into the MBA-to-Ph.D. program in marketing that her interest was piqued. "The MBA classes were eye-opening. It was then I realized that what I was learning about marketing was just applied economics. It's so interesting and important."

Her teaching career began at Vanderbilt University, where she discovered

her love for teaching college students. Her experience as a student has greatly influenced her teaching style. "I know what it was like to be that student who didn't know what she was doing. It helps to understand why you are learning something. Going to college is not just about getting a degree—you need to understand its applications. That's why I like to teach economics in a relevant way." For those

students still struggling with what they want to pursue, her advice is to ramp up on skills and abilities. "Students don't understand how competitive it is in the job market after graduation. Ultimately, it comes to what you

***"Going to college is not just about getting a degree—you need to understand its applications. That's why I like to teach economics in a relevant way."***

really know, not your degree."

Foster finds herself inspired by her students every day. "I teach so many people, and sometimes I get a sense which students have potential, and what they can achieve. But something is holding them back, or they are holding themselves back. I believe my role is to be a catalyst, to bring out the best in my students. I feel that I owe them a lot because they are the future." Her students are her biggest fans, many of them say they would go to war with her. "Wow," she laughed. "I can't believe they would take a hard class and still say that!"











A man wearing a grey baseball cap with a 'Love' logo and a black apron over a blue shirt is working at a counter. He is wearing white gloves and is focused on a task. The background shows a bright, modern interior with large windows.

# Wholesome

Whole Foods Foggy Bottom Holds  
Fun and Informative Food Events  
for Members of the Community

*fun*

After its grand opening in September 2011, Whole Foods Foggy Bottom has given GW students a place to get wholesome, fresh food to stock up their pantries. However, what some people may not know is that Whole Foods has a strong presence in the community as well. To draw in customers, they often have events that

showcase their products, and even offer free meals on special occasions. For example, this fall, they held a free spaghetti dinner for everyone who came into the store, complete with dinner rolls and drinks. If they can spare the time, customers can also attend food-related workshops to learn about cooking, nutrition, wine pairings, and more.

## Weekly Events:

### Meatless Mondays

In the store's prepared foods department, an entire side of the hot bar is made vegetarian with a different theme each week. In the hours between 4 pm and 7pm, customers are able to fill an entire plate with vegetarian food for only \$8.

### Wine Down Wednesdays

For a mere \$5 (\$3 if you bring a glass from a previous Wine Down), customers can try five different wine samples with gourmet dishes. Wine experts are also there to comment and give advice on wine pairings.

## Informative Workshops:

### Cold Pressed Juice Class

Juice is a healthy, refreshing treat for any occasion. In this workshop, participants are able to learn about cold pressed juice and its health benefits. Samples are offered, of course, and participants receive a \$5 gift card after the class.

### Walk-In Beer Class

Whole Foods has its own in-house pub, called GW Brew, which has a wide selection of craft beers. This class is a free event where customers can learn about and sample the store's craft brew picks.

## Notable Happenings:

### Scavenger Hunt

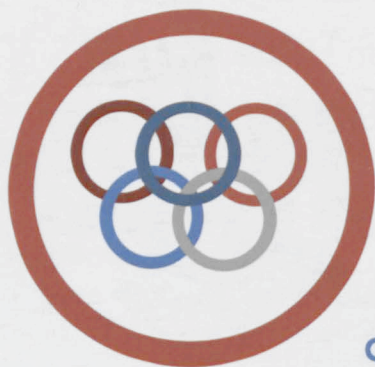
Play a modernized version of the hit game show Supermarket Sweep by going on a scavenger hunt right in the store. This is a fun and free event that tests thinking skills as well as your ability to find some hidden gems. Participants get free samples as well as a gift bag for participating.

### Pajama Party

Everyone likes to go out in their pajamas. Whole Foods celebrates by giving anyone who comes in wearing their PJ's a free breakfast sandwich and juice. The best part is, the event lasts all day!



# Fulfilling Dreams, Making History



The 2014 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XII Olympic Winter Games, were held in Sochi, Russia this year in early February. There were 98 events in 15 winter sport disciplines during the Games, including ski jumping, figure skating, luge, and more. The United States had many shining moments during this year's Games, bringing home nine gold, seven silver, and 12 bronze medals, coming fourth in the national standings. Here were some highlights from this year.



## Opening Ceremony

An estimated 40,000 people were in attendance and more than 2,000 performers brought life to the Fisht Olympic Stadium on February 7, 2014 to open the Games. Titled "Dreams of Russia," the two and-a-half hour ceremony told the history of Russia with spectacular technical effects, various musical performances, and plenty of pyrotechnics.

## Slopestyle Sweep

Slopestyle is a winter sport where the objective is to perform the most difficult tricks while getting the highest altitude off jumps on either skis or a snowboard. While this is no easy feat, several U.S. athletes proudly wear medals around their necks after their performances this year. Sage Kostenburg and Jamie Anderson took the gold in men's and women's snowboarding, respectively. Meanwhile, Joss Christensen won gold, Devin Logan and Gus Kenworthy took silver, and Nick Goepper won bronze in freestyle skiing. Only members from Team USA stood on the podium for men's freestyle skiing slopestyle, confirming that the U.S. is a promising nation for new winter sports.

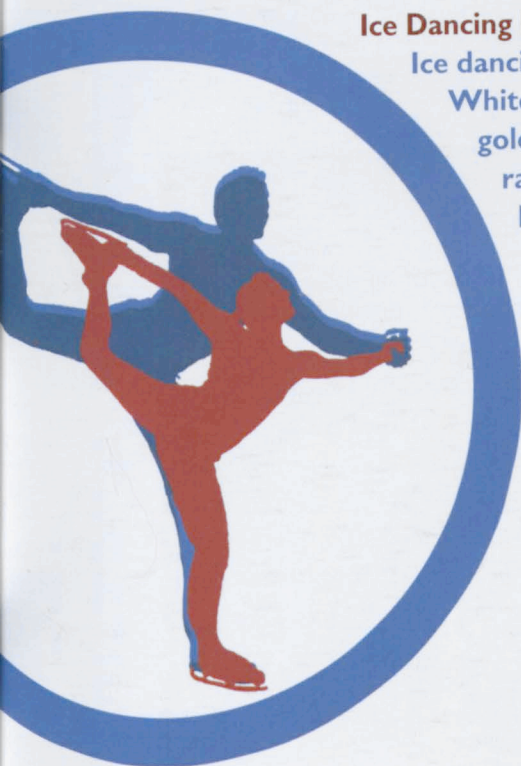






### GW Excellence in Bobsled

Double alumna Elana Meyers, SPHHS B.S. '06 and GWSB MTA '11 and former member of the GW softball team, traveled to Sochi as a member of this year's U.S. Olympic bobsled team. Last Olympics, she brought home bronze in the two-woman bobsleigh competition. In Sochi, she and her partner won silver and her teammates snatched the bronze in this event.



### Ice Dancing Dream Team

Ice dancing partners Meryl Davis and Charlie White were the favorites to take the gold this year, with commentators raving that they expect "nothing but perfection" from their performances. This year, they became the first American ice dance team to earn an Olympic gold medal, beating out Canada for the win with their sensational free skate, scoring a record-shattering score of 116.63.

### First Time's a Charm

At only 18 years old, Mikaela Shiffrin won her first gold medal at her first Olympic appearance in slalom alpine skiing. She is the youngest slalom champion in Olympic alpine skiing history and is the reigning World Cup and world champion in slalom. Her future goal for the 2018 Winter Olympics is to pull an "Alpine sweep," or specifically, win five gold medals in alpine skiing.



### Erin Hamlin Speeds Away with Bronze

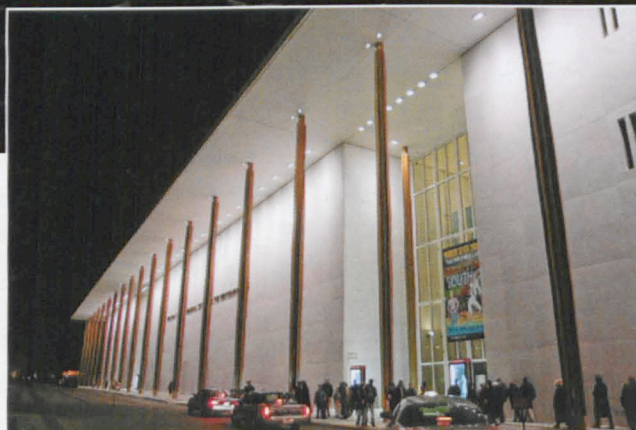
Luge is an extreme sport where an athlete takes a small sled down a track to speeds up to 87 mph. In the 50 years the Winter Olympics have been happening, no American has ever medaled in this event. 27-year-old Erin Hamlin won the first ever Olympic medal in luge for America in this year's Games. She was able to grab the bronze with a cumulative time of 3 minutes, 21.145 seconds.



# DC Never Sleeps

When the sun sets, Washington, D.C. does not fall asleep. In fact, one of the many advantages to going to college in the nation's capital is that there's always something fun to do—the nightlife scene is vibrant.

Grab a friend, or ten, and walk around the city at nightfall, since no one remembers the nights they got enough sleep. You're guaranteed to find something fun that suits your tastes if you just look.







## Good Eats

If you're hungry past midnight, you can still find good food to eat around town. A hop and a step away from campus is the much beloved Crepeaway, a classic eatery for GW students. The famous Ben's Chili Bowl in the U Street corridor is the place to grab a half-smoke chili dog (Bill Cosby's favorite), or enjoy live poetry and café food at Busboys and Poets. Kramerbooks & Afterwords Café in Dupont Circle satisfies the sweet tooth with its mouthwatering cakes and pies, and has an acclaimed bookstore adjacent to the café.

## Picture Perfect

The District offers many gorgeous backdrops for a quiet, scenic evening. A midnight trip to the monuments never gets old, whether it's your first trip as a new student at Colonial Inauguration or your last trip post-graduation. Abraham Lincoln looks even more dignified at night and the fountains at the World War II Memorial sparkle brightly. A trek to the Jefferson Memorial is always worth the view of the Tidal Basin, especially in the spring where the basin is blanketed in pink cherry blossom petals. Scattered around the city are exquisite buildings and architecture, like the Washington National Cathedral and the Smithsonian Welcome Center, or "the Castle." If you're looking for more scenery, climb up to the Kennedy Center roof for a stunning view of Northwest D.C. and beyond. Extra cash in your wallet can buy you a nice drink and a stunning view of the nation's capital at Point of View Rooftop Bar and Terrace at W Hotel, or other rooftop bars in the city.

## Arts and Entertainment

U Street is the go-to neighborhood for hip college students who love dancing, a fun atmosphere, and good music. Up and coming artists like Two Door Cinema Club, Chiddy Bang, and Sondre Lerche frequent the 9:30 Club, Black Cat, and Rock & Roll Hotel. Black Cat is known to have themed dance parties, such as an 80s night and a Doctor Who night. There are a variety of nightclubs around the District—Midtown, Eden, Ultrabar, and Town, to name a few. Laugh until your sides hurt at a local comedy club, take advantage of a free concert at the Kennedy center, or cheer for your favorite team at a Washington Wizards or Capitals game.

## Unconventional Fun

Grab a blanket and head to Gravelly Point Park to enjoy a view of planes soaring through the sky with a backdrop of the nation's capital, the Potomac River, and rolling greenery. If you seek some thrills, many companies offer D.C. ghost tours to bring shivers down your spine. For those who would rather take a tour at their own pace, the D.C. Walkabout website sells audio files of their entertaining and educational tours, one of which is titled "American Scandal," which will unapologetically guide you through locations of political indiscretions and hijinks.



# Knapp Knows

President Knapp reflects on the evolution of GW and how it contributes to the student experience.

The GW community is one of constant change, and with President Steven Knapp at the helm, there is no choice but to evolve with each passing year. Now in the seventh year of his term, we can appreciate the new developments in student life and can look forward to new buildings, programs, and opportunities. The theme of this year's book, "Fresh Starts and New Beginnings," is wonderfully appropriate in light of the School's recent accomplishments. "It's perfect timing, now that there are finally things blossoming in the spring," Knapp laughs.

The school has undergone many recent changes. Last year, Colonial Crossroads was opened on the top floor of the Marvin Center as a "one-stop shop" for essential student services such as the Center for Career Services and the Center for Student Engagement. The entrance to the newly-renovated Gelman Library was unveiled this fall, opening the door to brand new study spaces and technologies. The School of Public Health and Health Services was recently renamed the Milken Institute School of Public Health in recognition of the largest donation in GW history from the Milken Institute. The new Public Health building has also recently opened on Washington Circle. "Each one of these things is a new beginning," Knapp says proudly.

"I think there's a lot that's going on that's

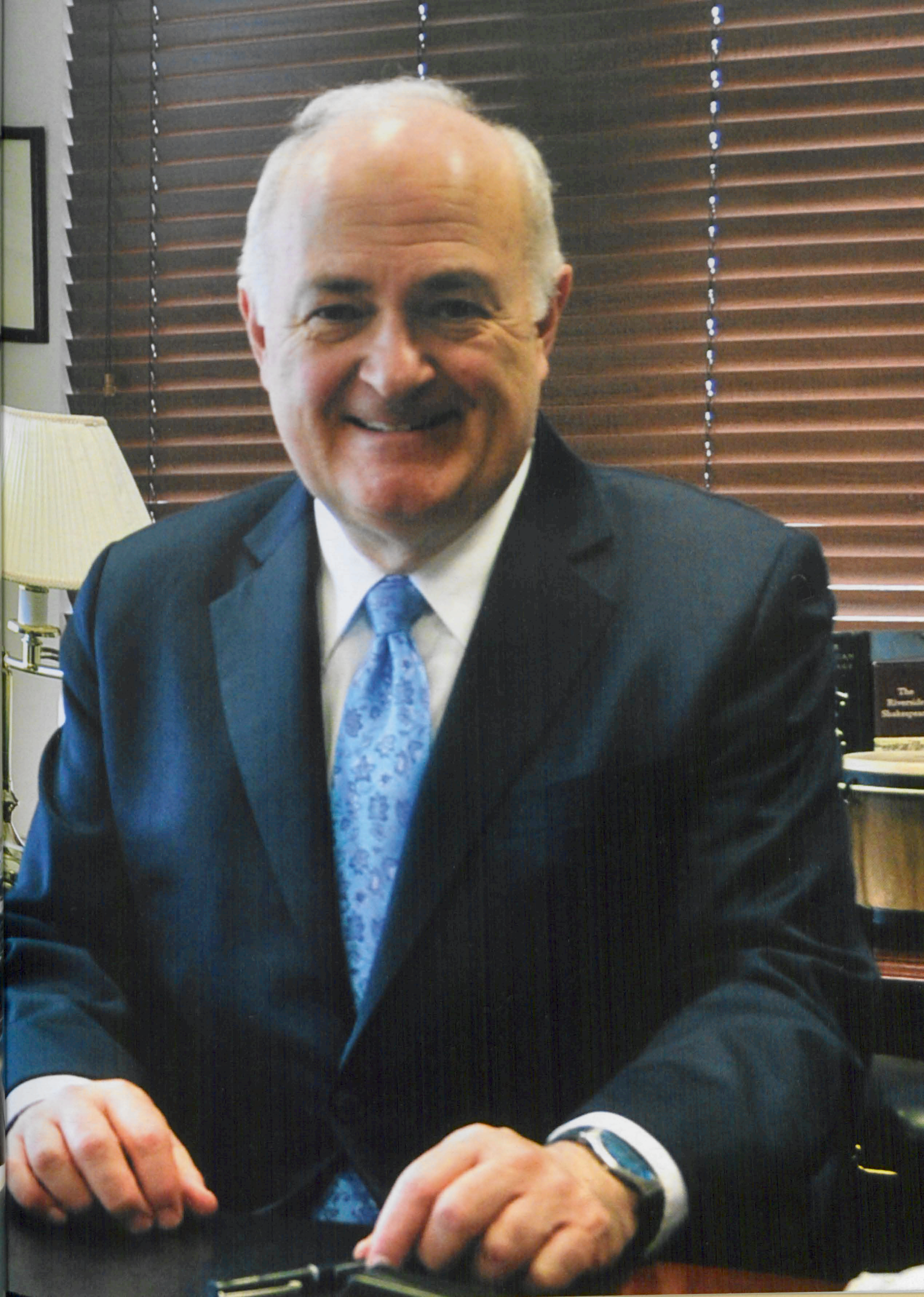
pretty exciting for students. All these changes will make the student experience even richer than it has been," he says. A new residence hall, District House, is officially in the works and will feature common areas and new student facilities. The GW Textile Museum will also be opening next year and the new Science and Engineering Hall will give these departments much-needed space to improve research endeavors. There have also been talks about a possible merger with the Corcoran College of Art and Design.

"We're adding strength to many different parts of the university, from growth in the sciences and engineering, to public health, and in the arts."

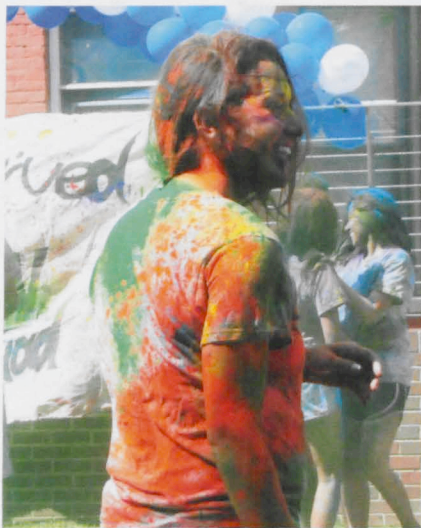
***"We're creating space that will provide opportunities for students to pursue their interests inside and outside the classroom."***

Because of the University's central location in the nation's capital, Knapp believes there are tremendous opportunities for all students. "Surrounded by such a wealth of institutions, students will both succeed in his or her own career and make a difference in the lives of others." He addresses pessimism about the state of the world by saying that speaking to the current generation is what will help the most in addressing the issues that matter most. "I think George Washington's founding vision, which was to create a university in the nation's capital to educate the leaders of the country, is further being realized. But now, I think we're educating the future leaders of the world."











# Let's Play Holi

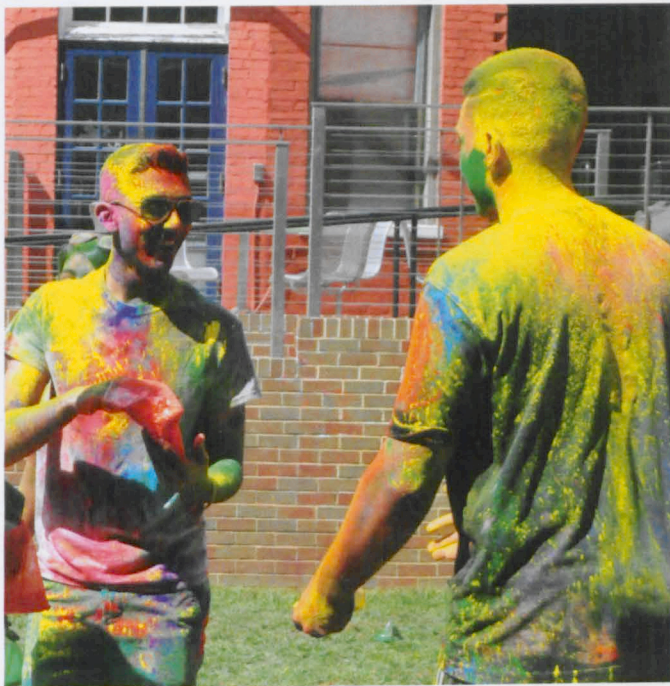
Students celebrated friendship, love, and color during Holi on the Quad 2014.

On Sunday, April 20, 2014, GW Satyam held one of their biggest events of the year, "Holi on the Quad." Satyam, the University's own Hindu Awareness Organization, holds fun and educational programs that promote an understanding of Hinduism and eastern spirituality. Every year, they bring the celebration of Holi to campus for both Hindus and non-Hindus alike. Usually held in early spring, Holi is an ancient Hindu religious festival primarily observed in India, Nepal, and other areas with a significant Hindu population. Holi has its roots in ancient legend, the foremost being the Legend of Holika, or the victory over an egotistical demon king, making this

festival a celebration of good over evil. This important part of Hindu culture has gained ground in European countries and North America, putting this festival of color on a global scale.

Even though the winter cold and precipitation has seeped into our spring season, Holi on the Quad was held on a beautiful sunny day. Many students gathered in Square 80, squeaky clean and wearing white t-shirts as a canvas for the colors. Those who brought a clothing donation received a free Holi t-shirt that they got to decorate and wear during the celebration. After shouts of "Three, two, one, Happy Holi!" all the participants threw a handful of brightly-colored powder

into the air, beginning the festivities in a cloud of color. During the color fight, everyone was fair game. Friends painted each other's faces with color and powder was splashed on everyone's clothes. While playing, everyone greeted each other with "Happy Holi!" and a smile. Eventually, everyone was covered with so much color that they became unrecognizable even to those they came with. This festival celebrated the arrival of spring, the end of winter, friendship, love, and happiness with lots of laughter and a ton of color. Holi on the Quad will definitely be a GW tradition in the years to come.





# Turning Stress Into Art

The 34th Annual Chalk-in draws out students' creative side



With finals looming, hundreds of students took chalk to pavement during this year's 34th annual Chalk-in event held on May 1st. Hosted in partnership with the University Counseling Center, Administration and Hallmark Programs, the Program Board and Greek Life, Chalk-in allowed students a chance to relax and delve into their creative potential.

With the street in front of Gelman Library closed off, student took a break from studying. With plenty of chalk students drew pictures or wrote a phrase that was meaningful to them. Some students chose to spread the word about their organizations through their drawings—Greek members wrote out their letters, GW

swimming added waves, the Southeast Asian Student Association drew their initials, and the Chemistry department drew out the periodic table of elements for students to enjoy.

While drawing in front of Gelman Library was the main event, students enjoyed face painting, blew bubbles in Kogan Plaza, and popped long sheets of bubble wrap. Greek Life also sponsored a "What I Like About Myself" themed photo shoot, where students posed with signs that featured positive messages about themselves. Administration and Hallmark Programs distributed picture frames and canvases for students to take home to remember the day. There were also free cupcakes from Buzz Bakery when students

tweeted a photo of their Chalk-in drawing to the Program Board Twitter.

UCC staff members also handed out tips on how to get through finals in a safe and healthy way. This included tips on sleeping well, studying for finals, how do deal with the anxiety of finals, and a list of UCC services so that students felt they were getting the support they needed.

With finals around the corner, Chalk in was a great way for the GW community to take time to reflect on the semester and their year. Chalk in allowed the community to enjoy themselves on a sunny day and to participate in the arts as a form of relaxation.









# A Message of Gratitude

Gabriel Felder addressed friends, family, classmates, and faculty on the National Mall

Gabriel Felder was chosen to represent the class of 2014 at Commencement on the National Mall on May 18th as the student speaker. Gabriel was chosen from sixty applicants because of his ability to represent GW and the student body. Gabriel's energy and attitude as well as his sense of humor made for a very moving and powerful speech.

On the Mall, Gabe reminisced about a conversation

that he had with his dad when he returned from Colonial Inauguration in 2010. Gabe remembered telling his dad about all of the opportunities that he wanted to take advantage of when he got to GW. His dad had only one piece of advice—don't waste any moment of it. Four years later, Gabe had a lot to show for himself. He took his father's advice and delved his time into his studies as a political communications major as well as into other organizations. He served as president of the Jewish Student Association, a brother of Lamda Chi Alpha, and an intern with uGeW

and the Israeli Embassy.

Unfortunately, Gabe's father did not live to see him accomplish all that he did during his four years at GW. His father was one of nine people killed in a shooting in August 2010 at the Manchester, Connecticut warehouse where he worked. Just one month later,

Gabe moved into Thurston and started his career at GW in honor of his father's memory.

Gabe implored the class of 2014

***Gabe remembered telling his dad about all of the opportunities that he wanted to take advantage of when he got to GW. His dad had only one piece of advice—don't waste any moment of it.***

to take stock of their lives and really think about the people who helped them get to such a great achievement such as graduation. He reminded the audience that they should all be grateful for the people who helped them get there. Gabe was inspired by his father's words that they became the springboard for his bright GW career. His story of finding his place at GW while overcoming his most difficult moments inspired the audience and captured the bittersweet nature of graduating from college.







# GW Rites of Passage

With any college experience, most students have a list of milestones they would like to complete before they graduate. GW has even come out with a list, "101 Things to do at GW," unofficially nicknamed the "How GW are you?" test. Looking back, here are 20 rites of passage GW students encounter in their years here.

These lists can go on forever, and none of them will be able to list all the experiences you should take in as a GW student. However, any experience is what you make of it. Whether you cross off all the things on these lists or not, if you feel as though you've had a rich college experience, that's all that matters.



1. Realize the hard way that 8am classes are much harder to wake up for than you thought.

2. Spot someone from your CI small group on the street. Wave. Laugh to yourself as you recall those memories.

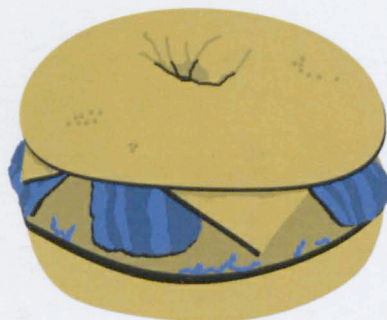


3. Eat at J Street for a month after running out of Colonial Cash.

4. Sprint to your class at the Elliot School or 2020 K with an armful of books and coffee in hand.



5. See a politician or celebrity on campus. Be proud of the picture you took, even if you can barely see them in it.



6. Buy a bacon sandwich at GW Deli. Marvel at the amount of bacon they give you.

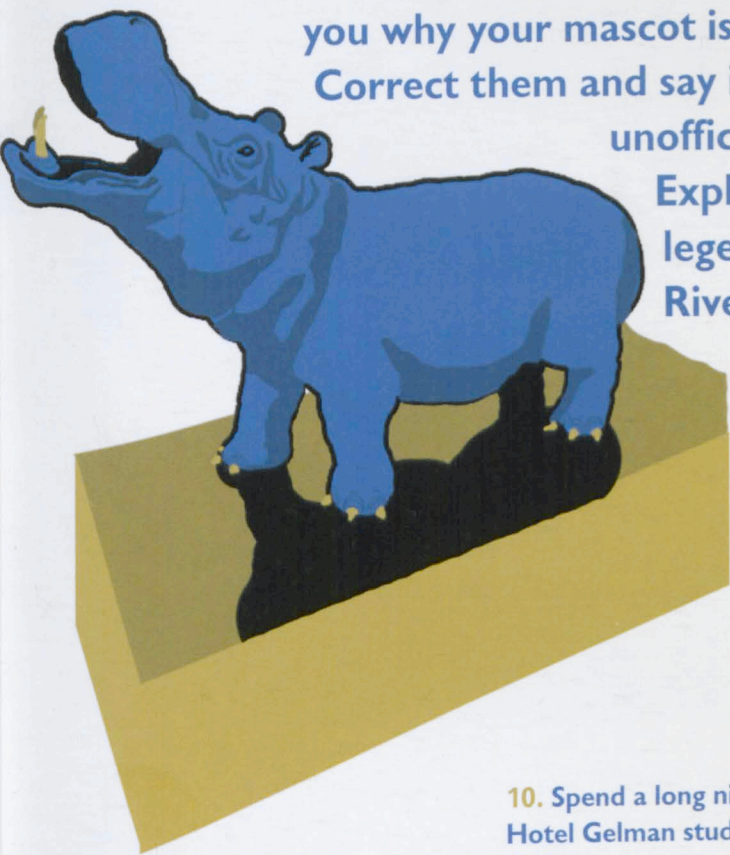


7. Take frequent impromptu trips to the monuments.



8. Cheer at the basketball games as a member of the Colonial Army.

9. Have a non-GW person ask you why your mascot is a hippo. Correct them and say it's the unofficial mascot. Explain the legend of the River Horse.



10. Spend a long night at Hotel Gelman studying for that big exam.

11. One word: Motorcade.



12. Have someone quote you on "Overheard at GW." Throw your friends under the bus on "Overheard at GW."

13. Lie in the grass in U-Yard on a warm spring day.



14. Make friends with a professor.

15. Spend way too much money at the bookstore. Shop there again anyway.



16. If there is a day off because of a snow storm or hurricane, go out and enjoy it anyway. Bad weather never hurt anyone.

17. Recall your freshman year dorm experience. Cringe, laugh, and reminisce about the simpler times.



18. Discover Rock Creek Park. Feel relieved that there are natural surroundings in this city.

19. Enjoy the view from the rooftop of the 1959 E Street dorm.

20. Suddenly realize that you go to college in one of the greatest cities in the world.



# Family Matters

Aubrey Curran Reflects on  
her Family's GW Legacy.

There is something remarkable about a GW legacy family. Aubrey Curran and her three siblings, Daniel, Brendan and Emily, have all been through a GW education through the generosity and support of their parents. As a graduating senior from the Elliott School earning a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs with a concentration in International Politics, she reflects on her family's legacy and her experience at GW.

Even after her three siblings enrolled at GW, Aubrey never felt pressured by her family to apply.

"I was pressured by everyone BUT my parents and siblings. I think all along, I wanted to go to GW. I loved the Elliott School the first time I saw it through the car window. Being so close to the State Department seemed so exclusive and ever since I started Model UN in high school, I knew I wanted to study international affairs." During Aubrey Curran's first year, all her other siblings were also at GW. "Daniel was finishing a fifth year for a master's degree in political management while I was a freshman, Emily a sophomore, and Brendan a junior," she states. Because all of them were in the District, her parents became heavily involved in their college lives. "My dad became so involved that he knew when I had to register for classes even before I did and my mom sent wonderful care packages. With my parents being as supportive as they were, getting involved in the Parent's Association to help other parents during CI, paying close attention to our individual needs and interests along the way, is definitely one of the main reasons why I've had an amazing undergraduate experience. I owe everything to them."

**"I have and will always be able to reminisce with my family about something from college because they all know exactly what I'm talking about."**

When asked about the Curran family the Executive Director of the Office of Parent Services, Rodney L. Johnson, says, "Susan and Dan Curran are my definition of true GW parents. Their four children have all attended GW as undergraduates and for graduate school, which says a lot about their family and the university. Additionally, Dan Curran has been a great asset to the Parents' Association Advisory Council, where he served as the President.

I will miss them very much once their children receive their degrees!"

As a child with older siblings in college, Aubrey heard plenty of interesting stories about the school. "Before I got to GW myself, I came across a lollipop

with a tag on it signed by the Order of the Hippo. Being a curious individual, intrigued by a secret organization, I researched a lot about it. I came across a few more trinkets after that, but I don't know if it still exists or if it was ever more than one person and they've left. Regardless, I never received an invite and I'm graduating so I can't allow myself to be interested anymore!"

Seeking out her identity as a GW student has not been difficult for Curran, even with three other siblings to follow. She rushed both the community service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega and social sorority Kappa Delta in her college career, a path that none of her siblings had chosen. She remarks that her experiences here overall are very valuable to her. "I met two of my senior year roommates at CI. I ran to the White House and celebrated with most of the GW community for two major historical events. I have and will always be able to reminisce with my family about something from college because they all know exactly what I'm talking about."







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### Colonial Cabinet 2013:

Front row: Alex O'Halloran, Felisa Hsieh, Jon Hering, Jorge Mitssunaga, Bethany Thomas, Lindsey Eng, Allison Hill, Madison Awalt, Kelsey Desmond. Second row: Justin Ramacciotti, Kendra Speak, Leticia Banful, Laura Shuey-Kostelac, Kyle Kurland, Brian Doyle, Matt Ricci, Ellie Glanzberg-Krainin, Amanda Rooth. Third row: Tony Kim, Lisa Francis, Adam Bendell, Kasey Packer, Jamie Oh, Andie Dowd, Adam Schilt, Nicole Colameta, Patrick Williams, Alec Nadeau. Back row: Jeff Clare, Drew Nichols, Maddison Bruer, Shane Ryan, Emma Bradford, Emily Baumgaertner



# Inaugurating Colonials

Colonial Inauguration brings in Class of 2017, making GW feel like home for fresh faces.

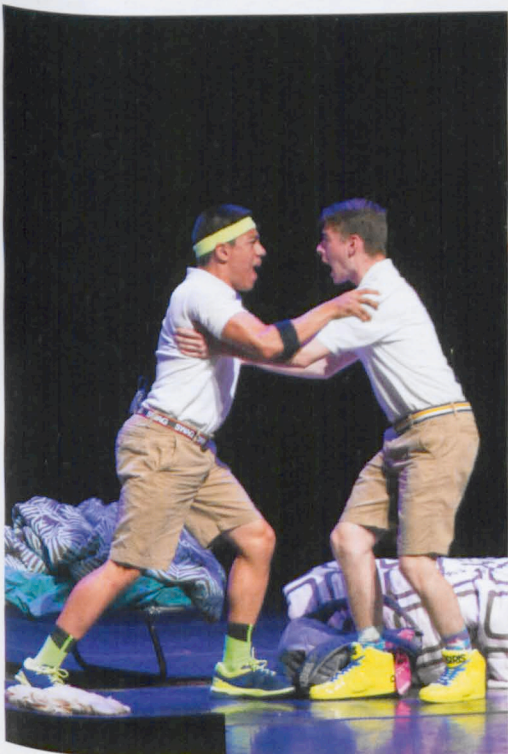
The summer of 2013 was a memorable one for GW's Class of 2017—not just because of vacations, tanning, and preparing for college, but also because of the incredible two and a half days so many incoming freshmen spent at Colonial Inauguration, GW's celebrated freshmen orientation. Anyone who has participated in CI will rave about what a genuinely rewarding and fun-filled introduction it was to life here at GW. Colonial Inauguration happens five times throughout the summer, and it gives incoming freshmen an opportunity to acclimate themselves to the new campus, meet future classmates, and attend student organization fairs, helping them decide how they want

to immerse themselves in the GW community.

And who, you may ask, makes Colonial Inauguration as special as it is? Who are the people that lead various activities, sing and dance in awesome performances, ignite the flame of school spirit, and ensure that each student leaves CI even more excited for their four years at GW? That would be none other than the Colonial Cabinet. Comprised of about 30 GW students, Colonial Cabinet members are very carefully chosen based on their academic merit, involvement in the GW community, and the character traits that make them true leaders. The team of students trains rigorously for months to prepare for CI, and

they devote their entire summers to staying on campus to provide the ultimate adventure for every fresh face. Each Colonial Cabinet member leads a small, randomly assembled group of freshmen that come together on multiple occasions to play games, talk about academic goals, and attend events. The small group leaders go beyond the usual icebreakers and "name games" to really get to know each individual on a deeper level.

Colonial Inauguration is not your ordinary, run-of-the-mill freshmen orientation. It leaves an indelible mark on the overall journey of the GW student and stays with each person for all four years of their education.





# The Places We Call Home

One aspect of GW that attracts applicants from near and far is the quality of our residence halls. Every building listed below is fully equipped with ample laundry facilities, study lounges and a refrigerator, freezer, and microwave (which the tour guides love to rave about). Each residence hall has its own charm and each is known for something special--be it the people, the proximity to campus hotspots, or the parties!



Ivory Tower is undoubtedly the "crème of the crop" when it comes to GW housing. Located at 2135 F Street, 450 students call Ivory their home. With deluxe apartments spread out on 9 floors, Ivory Tower is just as good as any off-campus apartment--flaunting a living room, dining room, and two private bathrooms. Ivory also has its own

dining hall offering a wide selection of delicious food from Potbelly's, to Dunkin Donuts, to The Pita Pit and more. For students who keep cars on campus, Ivory conveniently has two levels of underground parking. Ivory Tower is an indulgent campus living facility and one to place at the top of your list if you're soon to be an upperclassman.





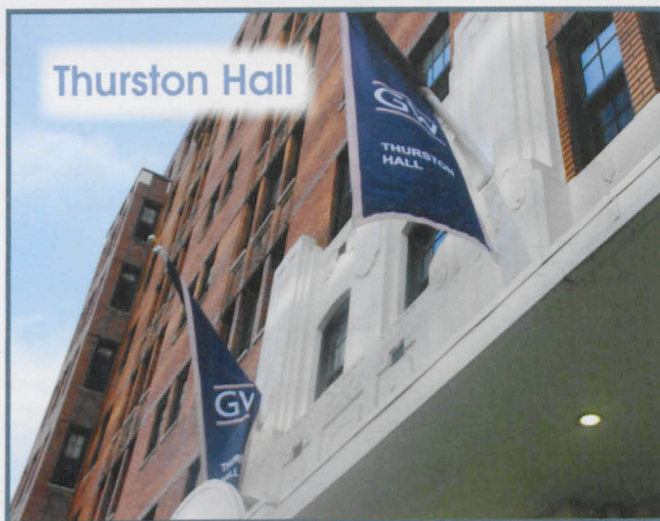
West Hall

West Hall, the newest of the residence halls on GW's two campuses, is a stunning living space for 287 freshmen and upper-classmen tucked away at 2100 Foxhall Road, otherwise known as "The Vern". Built in 2010 and designed with environmental preservation in mind, West has an astonishing number of amenities for GW students. If you're a student of the arts, West offers state-of-the-art dance, art, and recording studios and rehearsal spaces, as well as the wonderful Blackbox Theater. If you're keen on staying in shape, West has its own fitness center. Just like any other residence hall, West includes multiple study lounges and laundry facilities on each floor. West is complemented by the lush outdoors of the Mount Vernon campus with a view of the campus' athletic fields. West is beautiful, modern, and has every convenience a student could want.



Dakota

Located at 2100 F Street NW, Dakota Hall is a desired sophomore residence halls on Foggy Bottom. Dakota is strikingly modern and blends in nicely with the surrounding architecture. Housing only 200 students on 10 floors, Dakota's rooms are set up apartment style and are available in singles, triples, or quads. Each apartment comes furnished with its own kitchen, and each floor has study lounges that are home to many students pulling all-nighters. For the 2013-2014 year, the Dakota is exclusive to students in Affinity Housing groups, or groups that bring together students with similar interests, talents, and academic tracks.



Thurston Hall

Watch out for Thirsty Thurston! Located at 1900 F Street NW, Thurston is notoriously known to be the freshmen "party dorm." Built in 1921, Thurston is the biggest of the freshmen residence halls, home to over 1,100 freshmen on nine floors. Rooms in Thurston range from cozy doubles to six-person suites. If Greek

life is lagging, Thurston is the go-to spot for a party any day of the week. Though it may not be the most modern of residence halls, it offers all the amenities that GW provides to its students, and is definitely a unique living experience for our freshmen.



South Hall

Exclusive to 450 fourth-year students here at George Washington, South Hall is a top-notch residence hall located at 2135 F Street NW on the Foggy Bottom campus. Like Ivory Tower, South also boasts apartment-style living, available in quads or five-person rooms, and comes with "the works"—a kitchen, living room, dining room, a washer and dryer unit, and two private bathrooms. South is also conveniently located across from Foggy Bottom Grocery (more commonly called FoBoGro, open until midnight seven days a week). So, if you're a senior and campus living is still your first choice, South Hall is the way to go.



# Falling Leaves & Changing Speeds

Campus Recreation hosts Turkey Trot 5K event.





# TURKEY TROT 5K

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On Saturday, November 16th 2013, GW's Campus Recreation hosted the "Turkey Trot", the program's first 5K event of the 2013-2014 year. A small group of students, alumni, and members of the community joined to take part in a 3.2-mile run. The course trailing through various historic sights and displaying the season's changing hues. The runners warmed up together and prepared for the race to begin, and though it was a low-key event, the energy created by the runners was palpable. When asked about the Turkey Trot, runner (and GW graduate student) Alyssa Leone commented, "I feel ready to run. I've done longer races, such as half-marathons, but this race is nice because

it was easy to register. I hope to finish the 5K in under 30 minutes." Leone also added, "I'm really looking forward to seeing the colors of the trees."

The race, headed by Andre Julian, director of Lerner Health and Wellness Center, and John Chirumbolo, Campus Recreation's Operations Supervisor, was fun and well-organized; the Campus Recreation team was enthusiastic and helpful to the runners, ensuring their safety and comfort throughout the entire race. The course began on Constitution Avenue, continued on past the Washington Monument, Veterans Memorial Park, the World War II Memorial, The DC War and Korean War Memorials, and concluded with a final

stretch along the Reflecting Pond leading to the Lincoln Memorial.

The Campus Recreation program was founded in 2001 with the mission to realize fitness trends on campus and stay competitive with other local universities' student exercise and intramural programming. Over the years, Campus Recreation has hosted a number of well-attended events, such as the World Cup soccer tournament, where students banded together and formed a 36-team league, each team from its players' home country. Campus Recreation hosts regular events on campus and encourages any GW student who enjoys fitness to get involved.

## The Route





# A Fright of a Show

Forbidden Planet put on a fabulous production of The Rocky Horror Picture Show

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GW's student theatre company Forbidden Planet Productions put on its annual performance of the popular movie and Broadway musical *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* from November 7-9, 2013 in the Marvin Center Grand Ballroom, and as always, it was an unforgettable experience for cast and audience members alike. The original *Rocky Horror* film made in 1975 was comprised of a star-studded cast and has been shown in theaters across the country since its release. The story follows Brad and Janet, a newly married couple who take a road trip and get lost in the rain, only to stumble upon the castle of transvestite Dr. Frank-N-Furter.

There they meet *Rocky Horror*, the man Dr. Frank-N-Furter made, and learn of the doctor's plans to return to the galaxy of Transylvania. The couple's stay in Frank-N-Furter's castle makes for a night of sexually-driven, time-warping hysteria that takes the audience along for a chaotic ride.

Freshman Kaylee McNeil, who saw *Rocky Horror* live for the first time this year, raved about her experience as an audience member. "I had seen the movie, so I knew about the plot," Kaylee explained. "The audience was very involved, and had a lot to say during the play...I would definitely see the show again next year. The cast-members were all amazing singers and

supplemented the movie well with their live performances." When asked if there was one memorable moment that stood out to her, Kaylee said, "Near the end of the play, a lot of the actors were moving around the aisles and the show was brought into the audience. It was great to...feel like I was in part of the movie."

All three performances of FPP's *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* attracted an impressive turnout, and the show remains a beloved tradition for Forbidden Planet Productions and GW students alike. Directed by Connor James and starring a cast of talented thespians, the *Rocky Horror* show was undoubtedly a glowing success.



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# The Real Deal With Meals on Campus

When it's time to grab a bite to eat, GW students can always rely on the plentiful choices available at J. Street, the main dining hall facility on the Foggy Bottom Campus. However, when Auntie Anne's and BonMi become repetitive, or you just want a taste of something new, there are so many delectable options for GW students to choose from which accept GWorld.



Devon and Blakely

If you're looking for a deli with every food you could hope for and then some, Devon and Blakely, located at 2200 Pennsylvania Avenue (across from the GWU Emergency Room) is the place to check out. Devon and Blakely features a wide selection of freshly prepared sandwiches and wraps, delicious, hearty soups, a fully-stocked salad bar, sweet

tooth-satisfying pastries and so much more. Devon and Blakely's spacious and inviting atmosphere and friendly employees attract a mixed crowd, from doctors and nurses to students and business people. Devon and Blakely isn't as well known as many of the other Foggy Bottom eateries, but it is simply not to be missed.





**Bertucci's**

If you're up for an evening of Italian indulgence, Bertucci's is the place to go. Located at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue (conveniently in the same building as Cone E. Island), Bertucci's is a staple in the diets of GW students. Specializing in brick oven made pizza, Bertucci's offers a variety of succulent pasta dishes, meat and seafood meals, and of course warm, delicious rolls and seasoned oil to start. Bertucci's has plenty of seating, so it can accommodate a few close friends or the whole team for an Italian banquet, and is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. One of the few Italian eateries in our area and priced with the college student in mind, Bertucci's is simply a must.



**Tonic**

Finally, you have not truly experience life as a GW student until you've had a delicious meal at Tonic. Found at 2036 G Street in the famous Quigley's Pharmacy building, Tonic's renown specialty is their unbelievable tater tots, but they have something to satisfy any craving. The Tonic menu is abundant with burgers, salads, breakfast foods, and more, each made with unique ingredient that you wouldn't expect to find in such dishes. The cozy, dimly-lit atmosphere on three floors (as well as outdoor seating in most weather) accommodates groups of any size. Tonic is my personal favorite eatery here in the city, because it's always delicious, accepts GWorld (and doesn't fuss about splitting the bill), and is a short stride from nearly any residence hall.



**Roti**



**Sweetgreen**

When it's a taste of Mediterranean you're craving, there's Roti, a great spot for salads, wraps, and pita galore. Located right next to Whole Foods at 2221 Eye Street, Roti serves up heaping plates of authentic Mediterranean cuisine. Kabobs, falafel, and rice dishes. Right alongside Roti is Sweetgreen, Foggy Bottom's premiere salad venue. Sweetgreen features a menu of unique salads to choose from, but you can also customize your salad by selecting the greens, toppings, and dressing of your choice. The salads are prepared impeccably, the choices of toppings are abundant, and who can resist the fresh grain bread that comes with every meal. We all know how easy it is to pig out and snack mindlessly while cramming for exams and writing last minute essays, but what's great about Sweetgreen is that it's not only a delicious choice, but a healthy one, too!





For the last 28 years, The Division of Student Affairs at The George Washington University has hosted Midnight Breakfast, a late night feast intended for GW students to relax and enjoy a little down time after hours upon hours of studying for final exams. The administration at our university understands how stressful preparing for finals can be, and the Midnight Breakfast brings the GW community together with good food, even better company, and tons of activities. What better food is there to eat while taking a study break than pancakes and bacon?

This year's Midnight Breakfast, a dinosaur-themed event, was a raging success. Nearly 2,000 hardworking GW students gathered in Marvin Center, and were promptly served a variety of delicious breakfast foods by Provost Steven Lerman, Vice Provost and Dean of Stu-

dent Affairs Peter Konwerski, and many other GW administrators and faculty members. Students were pleased to see that their efforts were fully recognized and appreciated that GW staff members came back to campus for the night to make sure they were nourished and having a great time.

The fantastic breakfast buffet was only the beginning of what made this year's Midnight Breakfast so unforgettable. On various floors of the Marvin Center, a variety of student organizations held exciting games, trivia contests, and musical performances. For example, students enjoyed quality dancing and acting, courtesy of the Capital Funk dance team and The 14th Grade Players, as well as acoustic performances put together by WRGW. In keeping with the prehistoric theme, Colonials also got to enjoy a screening of "The Land Before

Time" in our Amphitheatre. Elsewhere in the building, game rooms were set up for relay races like the "Dino Egg Run", while other stations featured Playdoh sets where students revisited their preschool days and made clay fossils. Our beloved Gelman Library also contributed to the endless excitement of Midnight Breakfast, setting up a wonderful Dino-themed photo booth for students to enjoy.

All in all, this year's Midnight Breakfast was a much-needed escape for our student community, one that allowed them to fill up on good food (specifically food not from a Gelman vending machine), share some laughs with friends, and reflect on the strong sense of community maintained by our GW faculty and administrators. If you have never been to GW's Midnight Breakfast, it's most definitely a night you don't want to miss next year!



# A Time Before Finals

Students take a break from studying for this year's Land Before Time themed Midnight Breakfast



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# Feel the Spirit

When it comes to the holidays here at The George Washington University, many religious student organizations sure know how to bring in the season with a bang! Clubs like GW Hillel, GW Chabad, GW Catholics, and GW Agapé all hosted exciting events to celebrate their religions' special holiday. From menorah lightings, to bountiful feasts, to just spending time with fellow GW students, each religious organization brought the fall semester to a festive close with events welcome to people of all beliefs.

It goes without saying that GW religious student organizations take the holidays seriously and strive to ensure that everyone celebrates in their own way, but feels included and welcome even in unfamiliar religious settings. The holidays are about reconnecting with roots and enjoying the company of friends and family. GW's religious clubs enforce those principles with every yuletide feast, ice skating outing, church gathering, and Menorah lighting.

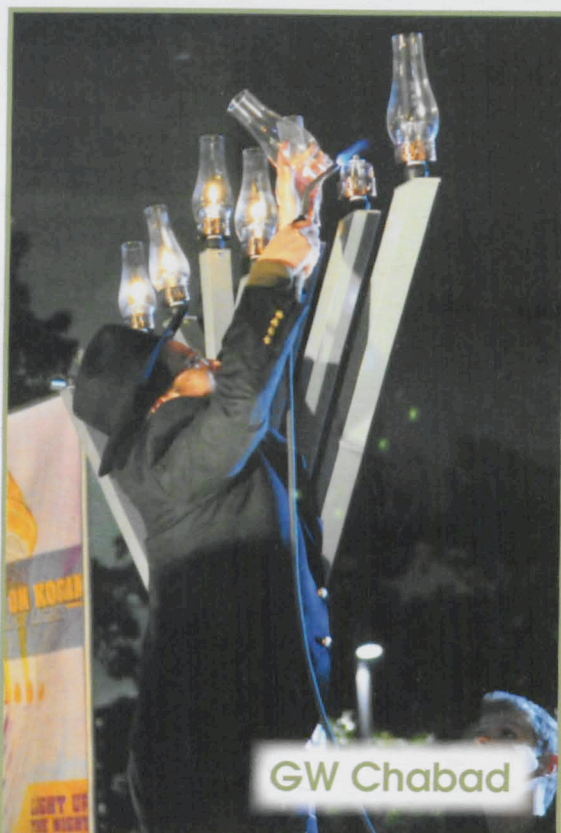
Agapé at GW observed the holiday season. Although the club did not have one formal event, they had weekly small group meetings and Sunday trips to a local church for worship. This religious organization is a college branch of the Agapé Mission Church, an organization that works as a platform to learn, develop and practice spirituality.



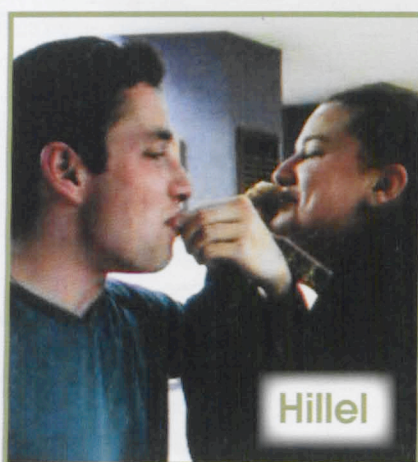


## GW Catholics

The GW Catholics also hosted a wide range of fun holiday events to stir up the excitement of Christmas. The organization hosted two major events; first, a Christmas decorating party to hang lights, and second, an ice skating party at the National Sculpture Garden followed by an evening of food, games and movies. GW Catholics also hosts weekly Tuesday night dinners, not only during the holiday season but all year round. This student organization is yet another here at George Washington that celebrates the winter holidays right!



being lit on the steps of the Gelman Library. Following President Knapp, Rabbi Shemtov shared wise words with his listeners. He said, "Every human being has inner joy, and Hanukkah is the time to bring that joy to the fore." That inner joy was certainly in the air at the GW Chabad event.



GW Chabad, one of GW's two major Jewish religion organizations, celebrated Hanukkah each night with gatherings at their campus headquarters. Their main event was a wonderful menorah lighting in Kogan Plaza, complete with a huge electric menorah, an impressive turnout of students and faculty, and some special guest speakers. There was a lively and welcoming atmosphere in the crowd. All around, wishes of "Happy Hanukkah!" could be heard, photos were taken, and delicious refreshments were shared after the ceremony. GW Chabad's exuberant Rabbi Yudi gave a wonderful speech discussing the themes of Hanukkah and the importance of remembering the holiday's significance while celebrating with friends and family. Later, GW President Steven Knapp spoke, proudly proclaiming that this was the first time a menorah was

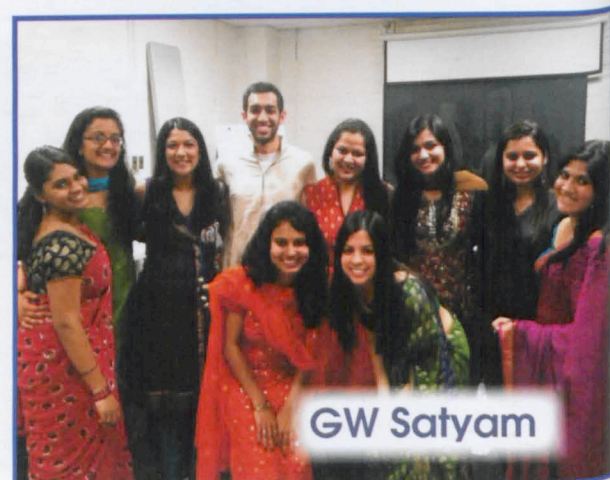
Hillel hosted a series of fun, intimate Hanukkah parties at its G Street center. Every Hillel member was friendly and eager to begin Hanukkah in Hillel's open, comfortable space. It was a very casual, social atmosphere, but of course was complete with a menorah lighting and delicious Hanukkah-themed foods. Hillel members were quick to share information about upcoming events, such as their weekly Friday night Shabbat dinners, and especially encouraged new membership, even to those who have never been to any religious gatherings at GW.



# Praise High

A great deal of students at GW grew up in families where religion was an important part of everyday life. From church or temple services on the weekends and holidays, to reciting daily prayers at home, a belief system was significant in many students' upbringings. That spiritual lifestyle doesn't have to stop when a student goes off to college. The members of GW's many wonderful, inclusive religious organizations are prime examples of people who incorporate religion into their busy academic and social lives. The Muslim Student Association, the Sikh Student Association, and GW Satyam are three outstanding religious organizations marked by their pride, purpose, and passion.

The goals that each of GW's religious organizations work toward are certainly challenging ones to accomplish, but their undying commitment to spreading awareness and establishing equality among all spiritual groups is truly commendable. These organizations work not only to teach about complex people and practices of their respective religions, but also to make their members better people overall. GW's religious clubs don't just "raise high"—they PRAISE high!



GW Satyam



## Sikh Student Association



The Sikh Student Association (SSA) at GW is an active religious club that seeks to congregate and educate people of all faiths about the Sikh religion. SSA members particularly focus on celebrating Sikh history, living a fulfilling life by remembering God, and giving back to the community through seva, a word meaning "service" in Sikhism. Realizing that many people in the United States do not have a clear understanding of Sikhism in general, the SSA seeks to challenge ingrained prejudices and eliminate misconceptions people may have about the religion. This year, SSA's two main events were Turban Day and the Guru Nanak Dev Ji Langar, a buffet of traditional Indian food, in Kogan Plaza. Both events attracted Sikhs and non-Sikhs alike, and allowed students to actually experience the religion, as well as learning the fundamental values. The Sikh Student Association is on an important mission and is thriving each year in accomplishing it!



## Muslim Student Association

"Ours is not a caravan of Despair, but a caravan of Hope." This is the motto of GW's Muslim Student Association, and it embodies the many values the organization honors. This organization had an incredibly busy year, with a number of events that drew crowds of over two hundred people each! There was a Syria Relief Concert, a Muslim mental health seminar, and a lecture with Muslim speaker Yasmin Mogahed, among many other exciting events. The MSA has a Facebook page with over 800 "likes", in which members post regularly about upcoming events or volunteer opportunities. Members also use the page to share pictures and articles, and discuss topics of Muslim importance. The organization welcomes both people who observe and people who want to learn more about Islam. MSA has been incredibly successful in its efforts to spread awareness about Muslim people and practices.

GW Satyam serves as the university's Hindu awareness organization. The club seeks to connect Hindus and non-Hindus through peaceful and enlightened dialogue and activities. Satyam members venture off campus to participate in any volunteer opportunities they can find, hold weekly meetings to share ideas, and celebrate fun and festive holidays throughout the school year with parties and banquets. Freshman representative Kavita Prakash raved about her first year as a member of Satyam. She said, "Being freshman representative for Satyam has been the best part of my GWU experience...My religion is very important to me and being involved in spiritual events has proven to be quite uplifting." Students from all backgrounds and beliefs join Satyam to learn more about world religion and to gain a clearer view of the world around them and the services they can offer to their community.



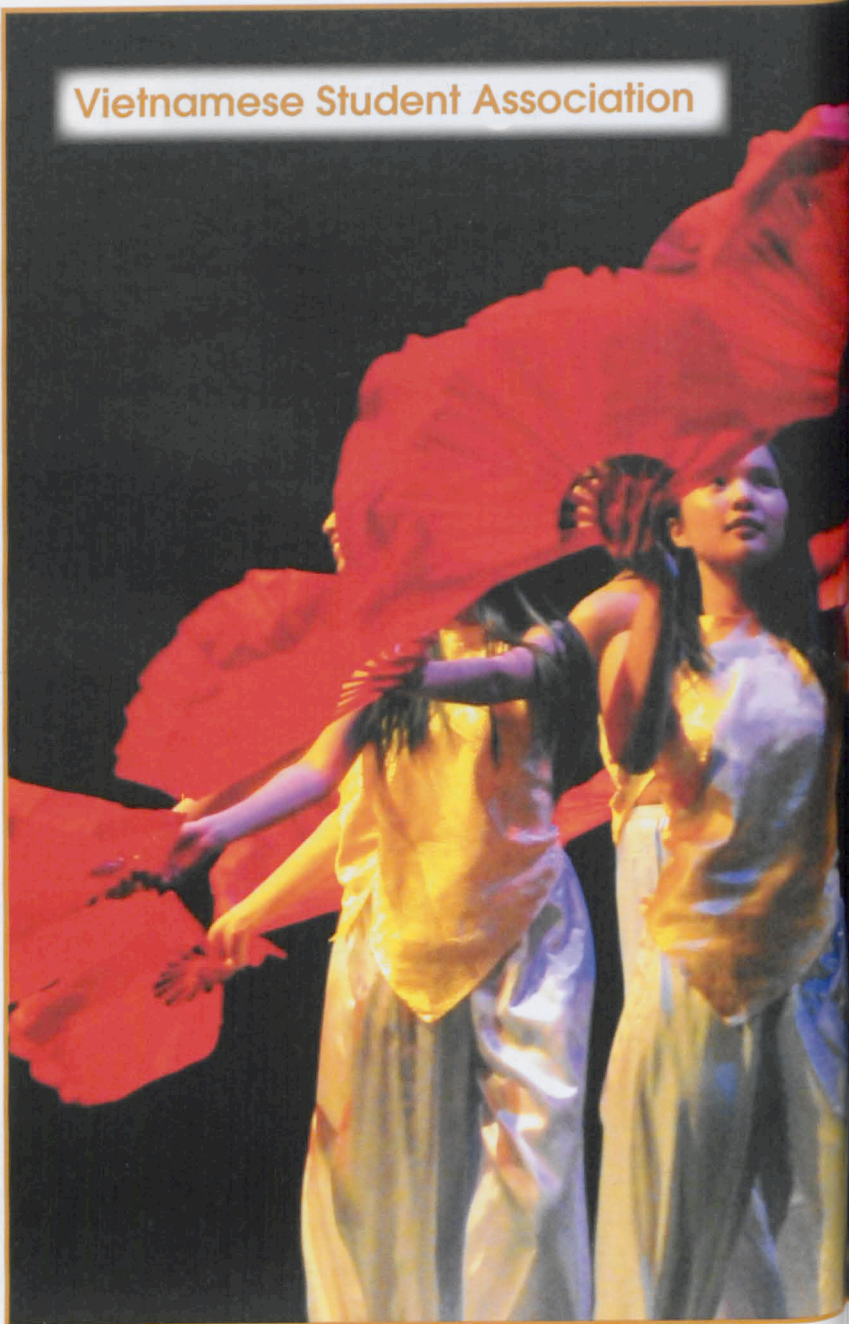
# Deepening Diversity

Students recognize how important it is to maintain a connection with their individual cultures, and they do so by becoming members of one (or more) of our many active cultural organizations here on campus. From community volunteer outings to all-inclusive information sessions, our cultural organizations strive to educate members and non-members of all cultures, and create a more worldly view of people who observe different religions and belief systems.

These organizations are only some of the many cultural clubs at GW that combine teaching and togetherness to create a more accepting community of students. If you're enthusiastic about understanding the ways of people around the world, or you're just in search of some entertainment, the cultural organizations at GW are sure to satisfy.

The Chinese American Student Association in particular values close relationships among its members—it has a “big-little” program, similar to those in our Greek community, bringing veteran members and new members together to increase inclusion and cultural understanding. Some highlights from CASA's 2013-2014 season included its annual Lunar New Year show, date auction, and a showcase where members showed off their many talents and enjoyed delicious Chinese treats. CASA serves to connect Chinese students to their cultural roots and to educate students from other cultures about the rich history and fun-loving spirit of Chinese life.

## Vietnamese Student Association



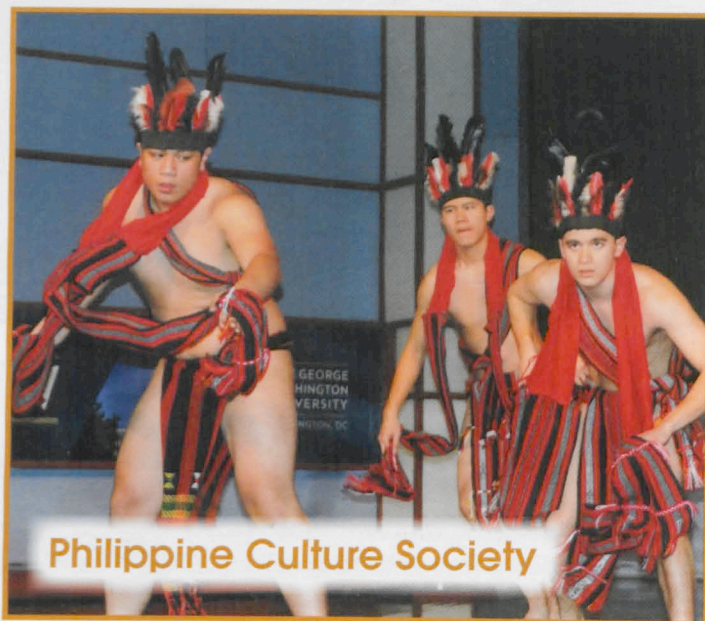
## Chinese American Student Association





The Vietnamese Student Organization is a major club with a passion for spreading awareness about Vietnamese culture. The VSA hosts particularly authentic events every month, such as Vietnamese movie nights, trips to Vietnamese restaurants in the city, and trivia nights to test members' knowledge about Vietnamese culture. The club welcomes anyone who would like to join, and members consider themselves a tight-knit family.

The Philippine Cultural Society is one of GW's biggest cultural organizations, and this year has been a banner year for the club. Founded in 1986, PCS works to educate the GW community on the values and traditions of Filipino culture. Many of PCS' events are held at the Multicultural Student Services Center, a valuable resource on campus for students from all corners of the globe. Some of PCS' events this year included an ice-skating outing, a candlelight vigil to honor the lives lost in Typhoon Haiyan, a dance-off, and an ice cream social. The Philippine Cultural Society provides a haven for our large presence of Filipino students and a learning space for non-Filipinos who want to know more about the culture.



**Philippine Culture Society**



**The Japanese American Student Alliance**

The Japanese American Student Alliance unites Japanese and non-Japanese students year-round with exciting activities involving food, films, and educational fun. With hundreds of devoted members, JASA truly brings Japan to our campus. Aside from being able to enjoy real Japanese cuisine and watch awesome Anime movies, JASA focuses on immersing members into the Japanese lifestyle. Members are exposed to the culture's traditional style of dressing, the complex language, and common practices like tsukimi-Japanese moon watching. The club holds weekly meetings to plan events, voice opinions and ideas about Japanese culture, and overall provides a friendly community for students to excel socially and academically.



# Authenticity in Action

When students come to The George Washington University campus for the first time, they became part of a unique "Colonial culture" that only GW students are lucky enough to experience. However, students also bring with them a plethora of other amazing cultures that shape how they live, love, and learn. Because these students realize how their cultures help them develop into learners and future leaders, they have founded a wide array of student organizations that cultivate cultural understanding, authenticity, and tolerance. If you have not yet gotten involved in some of GW's fantastic cultural orgs, you're about to find out how much you are missing out on!



The Caribbean Student Association (CSA) proudly dons the motto "Out of Many, One People, One Blood, One Love." CSA, like the other cultural organizations, seeks to spread knowledge about Caribbean culture, but also keeps members informed on relevant cultural topics and happenings. Members stay connected to their cultural origins by enjoying Caribbean food on and off campus, participating in GW's Diversity Abroad panel, and dancing to music from the islands at monthly meetings. CSA infuses GW's community with irresistible Caribbean flavor, while focusing on its goals to celebrate and educate.

## Indian Student Association



The Indian Student Association (ISA) is another driven cultural organization here at GW, connecting Indian and non-Indian students to the values and traditions that comprise Indian culture. This year, ISA hosted a variety of fundraisers, outings, and a Spring Formal to preserve the unity of the group and advertise the club's important purpose. The club supports the arts on campus, attending and promoting GW Bhangra performances throughout the year. ISA is represented by a collection of both Indian and non-Indians who are deeply influenced by the positivity and peaceful nature of Indian culture, and hope to spread its beliefs to all realms of GW student life.





**Organization of Latin American Students**

The Organization of Latino American Students (OLAS) brings strong Latino spice to the GW community. OLAS seeks to bridge the gap between Latino culture and other cultures, and believes that differences between people truly make no difference at all. Particularly for students who come to GW from far-away Latino countries, OLAS serves as a "home away from home." OLAS has strong, organized leadership that facilitates community outreach efforts and keeps its members passionate and engaged. Networking events, Latino dance classes, authentic Latino feasts, and informative panels are some of the many activities OLAS arranged this year, providing both professional paths and cultural enrichment to all members, Latino or otherwise.



**Black Student Union**

With over five hundred proud members, The Black Student Union (BSU) has nearly 50 years of rich history here at GW. BSU has a particularly proactive approach to creating community among its members, with many programs offering mentorship and service opportunities. BSU welcomes members of all races, giving each student a voice on important race issues. The club wants its members to become "Pillars of Strength" in the community, but keeps things fun with events year round. The club also provides leadership opportunities for members, with executive board positions open to dedicated members. The club also collaborates with other organizations on campus for multicultural events. The Black Student Union works to accomplish to incite change and spread racial acceptance each and every day, and will continue to do so in the years to come.

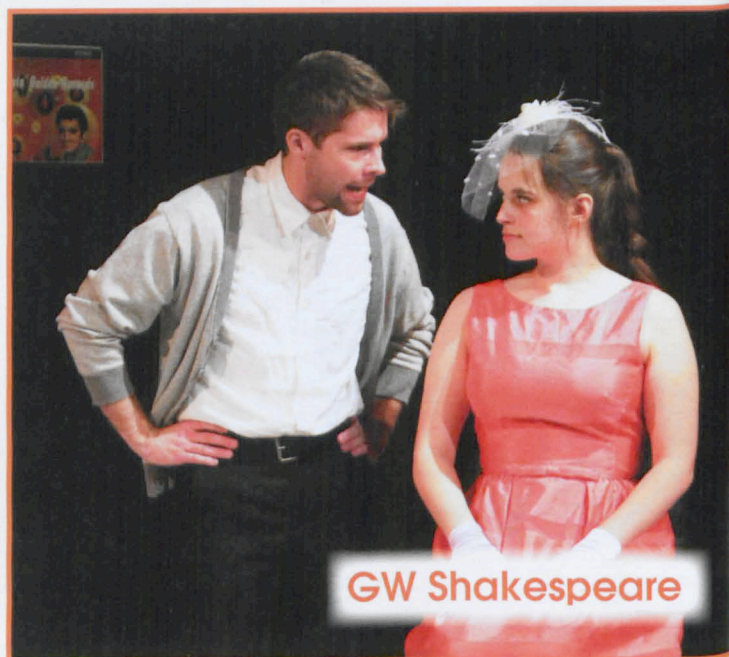


# On the Road to Fame

The George Washington University puts great emphasis on the performing arts, and students here radiate enthusiasm for their craft. GW's theater groups in particular devote hours of their time everyday to put on ravishing performances all year round. Shakespeare recitation, improv and dramatic original plays are some the many types of performances in which GW's theater companies specialize. Each group has something different and unique to offer, and the talent that blossoms here at GW is sure to see greater stages and brighter lights in the near future. GW Shakespeare, Fourteenth Grade Players, Forbidden Planet Productions and Generic Theatre Company are GW's four amazing troupes, and the talented performers in each group "raise high" in every rehearsal and show.

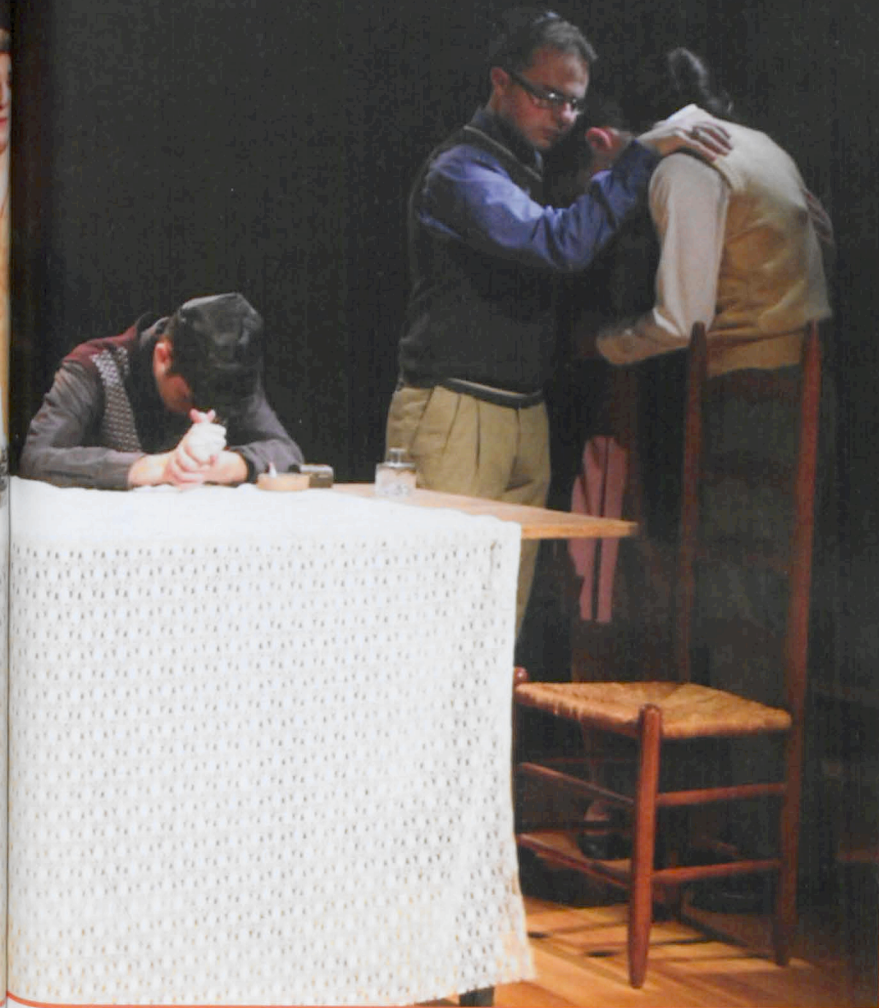


With five shows this year, the GW Shakespeare Company did not stop performing! In the fall, the company put on their annual Shakespeare Smackdown, a monologue competition in which students recite famous excerpts from any of Shakespeare's timeless plays. Later on in the season, the Shakespeare fanatics put on productions of "Henry VIII" and "King Lear." The theatrical excellence continued into 2014, with productions of "Romeo and Juliet," "Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)" and "The Taming of the Shrew." The actors, directors, and members of stage crew devoted hours in rehearsals to put a modern twist on these classic tales. Every year the GW Shakespeare Company is very proud to draw in audiences of Shakespeare experts and newcomers alike.





## Generic Theatre Company



Generic Theatre Company has worked tirelessly this year entertaining the GW community. Generic began the year with their annual Freshman Showcase, where new students made their debut in the Lisner Downstage. In November, the company performed "Steel Magnolias," a theater classic, as well as a moving rendition of "The Diary of Anne Frank." Generic also put on productions of "I Am My Own Wife," "Rapunzel, Blister, Burn," and "The Shape of Things." Their rehearsals are always a blast. An ensemble sure to inspire and excite, Generic Theatre Company features future stars and their shows are not to be missed!



Theater has been a big part of my life for as long as I can remember. The GW student theater community has allowed me to continue to pursue my passion, surrounded by some of the best people I have ever known.

—Lianna Havel



14th Grade Players

Forbidden Planet Productions brought drama to a whole new level this year. With three shows in the fall and three more in the spring, FPP wowed audiences throughout the year. FPP burst onto the stage this fall with "Rent," an annual midnight performance of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," and "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson." FPP hosted its 8th Annual Music Cabaret in February, followed by a ravishing rendition of "Company" in March, and "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" in April. FPP is responsible for some of GW's most loved annual theater traditions while still keeping things fresh with daring new projects.

The Fourteenth Grade Players also had a jam-packed year of performances and each carefully selected cast member and hardworking crewmember put on unforgettable shows for the entertainment of the entire Colonial community. Fourteenth started out the year with their "Welcome Back One Acts" at the Lisner Downstage. The following month they put on "Clue." November featured "True West," and only two months later, the company churned out yet another show, Patrick Barlow's "The 39 Steps." Fourteenth pushed the envelope even further with their spring productions of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" and Michael Parker's "Hotbed Hotel." The Fourteenth Grade Players love a good challenge and strive to put on the best quality shows while having fun in the process.



# Blending Balance and Movement

In addition to its wonderful vocal and theatrical talent, GW is lucky enough to have a community of incredibly dedicated dancers from all corners of the globe showing how people move where they're from. Putting on stunning showcases for students, staff, family, and friends to enjoy, the dancers of GW work hard to perfect their pivots and dazzle audiences all year round. It is clear just how much talent is in the field of dance here at The George Washington University. All of GW's incredible ensembles spend hours each week working on their routines to entertain audiences



Balance is GW's premiere ballet group, welcoming ballet and contemporary dancers of all skill levels to perfect their moves and master the art of ballet at a professional level. Founded in 2004, Balance proudly puts on an annual performance of the Christmas classic "The Nutcracker" every year, in addition to various other shows. Balance has shared their skills in past years with local elementary school students. Each year the team accepts more and more dancers, from the aspiring to the experienced, and we foresee only great things for Balance in the years to come.

GW Bhangra is a team with a style of dance from India, specifically from the state of Punjab, proudly boasts its identity as one of the first collegiate Bhangra teams in the nation. GW earned the title of best dance group on campus last year at GW Represent. The Bhangra team prides itself on creativity and making the dance a lifestyle, not just a weekly rehearsal and an occasional performance. Bhangra has made itself known in DC nightlife events, has danced for a cause in the fundraising event GW Bhangra Night, and was also invited to perform at the National Press Club! The future only holds more exciting opportunities for the GW Bhangra "family," and the dancers are eager to continue dancing on campus, in the city, and beyond.



The GW Raas team, aside from gracing the GW stage for many years, has worked hard and earned considerable acclaim in dance venues across the nation! The team's routines originate from the traditional dance of the state of Gujarat in Western India, and they are so incredibly well-practiced and talented that they have earned the title of second best Raas team in the entire country. This year the team performed at GW Represent, as well as Raas Rodeo in Austin, Texas, Maryland Masti at the University of Maryland, and Miami Mayhem in Miami, Florida. Hard work certainly pays off each and every year for GW Raas.



**GW Raas**



**GW Ballroom**

GW Ballroom works hard to make ballroom a fun and inviting dance style for a wide range of audiences. Incorporating traditional ballroom dance and Latin movement since 1993, the team not only practices privately to put on shows, but also instructs ballroom dancing classes that are open to anyone at the university, highlighting the team's goal to involve the entire GW community. The dancers describe their rehearsals as a much needed break from the stresses of college life and a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and master a new skill. GW Ballroom has also taken the stage at GW Represent in years past, as well as their own "Dancing with GW" competition, and this year danced in Colonial Classic 2013, DC Dancesport Inferno at UMD, and Ohio Star Ball in Columbus, Ohio.



**Capital Funk**

Finally, GW's Capital Funk team features a style of dance that we don't see much of these days. Funk is a unique style of dance that pulls from many other styles of dance and can be set to many different genres of music. This eclectic, diverse team is devoted to entertaining the masses with their spirit and energy, and their impeccable performances are a clear result of the passion they feel for their craft. This year the team hosted the Capital Funk "Funk Academy" Showcase to celebrate 10 years of dancing. Congrats to Capital Funk!



# Hit the High Notes

At The George Washington University, the vocal music community is incredibly talented. The student body flaunts seven gifted a cappella groups--some co-ed, some all-male, some all-female, but all fantastic. These groups not only perform throughout the year on campus, they also entertain crowds across the DC area at an array of special events. Some of these groups even record their own albums! There is nothing quite like the experience of listening to the amazing GW a cappella singers. No matter what your taste in music may be, the a cappella groups of The George Washington University have something for every listener. Be sure to attend one of the many holiday and spring concerts the groups hold, or even take a trip off campus and witness our singers' journeys to musical stardom.

Founded in 1999, The Vibes is one of GW's awesome co-ed a cappella ensembles. The Vibes have an extensive repertoire of songs ranging from Red Hot Chili Peppers

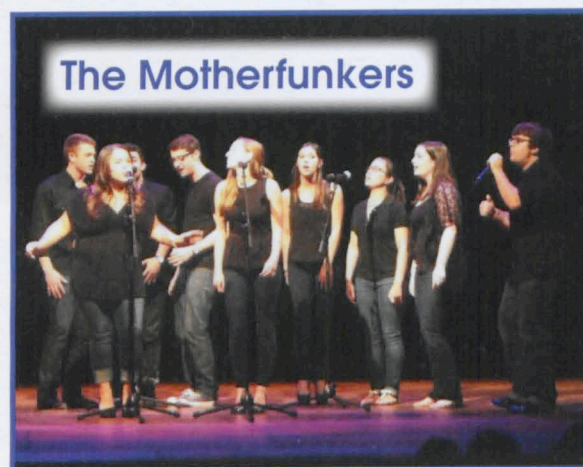
rock to the smooth crooning of John Legend and Phillip Phillips. Composed of 23 vocally gifted men and women, The Vibes cherish the feeling of family of their group and take that positive energy with them to all of their shows. This year, The Vibes graced the stage at the Charles Schwab IMPACT conference, a joint performance with the vocalists of Bryn Mawr University/Haverford Counterpoint A Cappella. The Vibes look forward to many more years of fun, free-spirited music making.



The Vibes



Sirens



The Motherfunkers

The MotherFunkers is the newest of the a cappella groups at GW, a vivacious co-ed ensemble specializing in contemporary Top 40 hits and impressive beatboxing. Started in 2012, The MotherFunkers have sung at many exciting venues including Acapellapalooza, the Vinson Hall Retirement Community, and here on campus in their winter show. The MotherFunkers features diverse GW student musicians who love entertaining crowds with fun, new music.





Founded in 2002, the Sirens are one of GW's all-female a cappella groups. These ladies are passionate musicians ranging from freshmen to seniors, all of whom are dedicated to tackling a wide range of genres of music for the GW and DC communities to enjoy. Sirens' song selections range from classic rock to modern hip-hop and pop pieces, and the complex harmonies and vocal layering they incorporate into the songs they perform are simply stunning. Sirens performed this year in Crepeaway and Cone E. Island fundraisers, sang the National Anthem at the DC Roller-girls' games and GW basketball games, hosted an ice skating fundraiser at the Georgetown Ice Rink, and held their own Winter Wonderland concert.



Another wonderful all-female a cappella group here at GW is The GW Pitches. This diverse group of women proudly boasts the title of the first all-female a cappella group on campus, founded in 1996. These women are fully committed to singing and, aside from performing in front of an audience, most enjoy the quality time they spend together rehearsing. Although perfecting their pieces may be hard work and take hours each week to accomplish, the bonds that the singers form go far beyond picking voice parts and beatboxing solos. In past years, the Pitches were given the amazing opportunity to go Christmas caroling at the White House and, this year, the group sang in the Sing Into Spring Competition at the National Cherry Blossom Festival! The GW Pitches are stars here at GW, and they continue to dazzle us with show-stopping vocals.

The Sons of Pitch is GW's all-male a cappella group that was formed in 2003. The Sons of Pitch are special among GW's a cappella community because of their commitment to public service. The Sons of Pitch have performed at a number of fundraising events and have raised thousands of dollars on their own for various charities. The group also performs at Acappellapalooza and other a cappella competitions, and they have brought in numerous awards in their 11 years together. The Sons of Pitch enjoy the carefree, fun-loving atmosphere of their rehearsals. Their bond as brothers of music translates in their live performances.

The GW Troubadours is another talented co-ed a cappella group and the first of its kind! The Troubs is the oldest student-run a cappella ensemble at GW and performs fun, energetic pieces from a variety of genres such as rock, jazz, R&B, and hip-hop. This year the Troubadours were lucky enough to sing for the President's Air Force One staff at the White House, and also sang in their Halloween concert with the GW MotherFunkers and the Typhoon Haiyan vigil. Be sure to check out the Troubadours' new album, Studio 226.

The Voice Gospel Choir is a unique, co-ed a cappella group here on campus. The Voice primarily sings contemporary Christian gospel music, highlighting their own personal relationships with God and their religion. The Voice is all inclusive, requiring no audition, and welcomes singers from all spiritual walks of life to join them in spreading musical joy. The singers hold weekly rehearsals and perform regularly on and off campus. If you're looking for spiritual inspiration in the form of a vibrant vocal crew, the Voice Gospel Choir provides it.



# Travel with Trails

GW Trails reaches beyond Foggy Bottom and embraces the great outdoors.

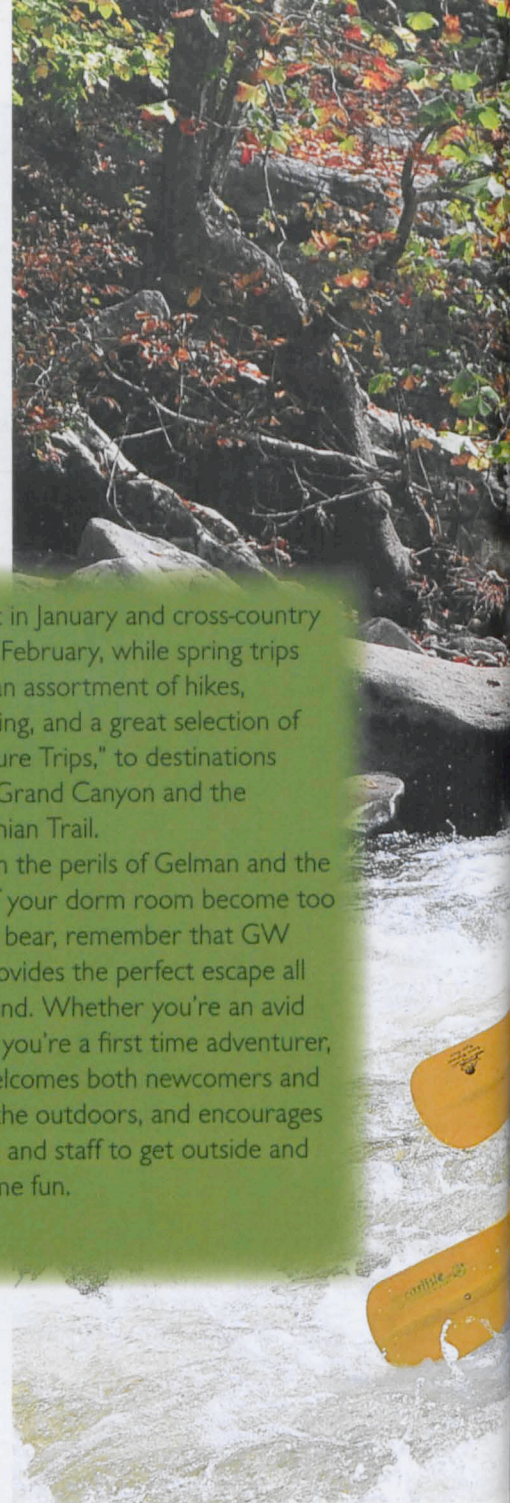
At any university, there are always students who simply cannot deal with being cooped up in their dorms, classrooms, and the library all the time. GW acknowledges that need for an occasional retreat by offering off-campus adventures through GW Trails, a non-profit learning organization that encourages students to venture beyond Foggy Bottom and explore the abundant beauty of nature. Hikes, scuba diving, and whitewater rafting are some of the many trips GW Trails offers, suiting the interests and hobbies of every student. This fall, for example, Trails hosted a trip to a beautiful fall festival at Cox Farms in Virginia, where

students and staff enjoyed apple cider, hayrides, and pumpkin picking. Even more, GW Trails encourages students to become more physically active, with trips that let you stretch your legs and work up a sweat between exams and all-nighters.

The volunteers who select and lead the trips, some of our very own GW students, are knowledgeable about the outdoors and make each trip a wonderful experience for all participants. GW Trails is open to any student and the cost of trips is reasonable and well worth it for the unforgettable time you are sure to have. Events in the 2014 winter months included ice-skating on the

Potomac in January and cross-country skiing in February, while spring trips include an assortment of hikes, paintballing, and a great selection of "Adventure Trips," to destinations like the Grand Canyon and the Appalachian Trail.

When the perils of Gelman and the dread of your dorm room become too much to bear, remember that GW Trails provides the perfect escape all year round. Whether you're an avid hiker or you're a first time adventurer, Trails welcomes both newcomers and pros of the outdoors, and encourages students and staff to get outside and have some fun.









# Just for Fun

**H**ere at GW, we boast about our numerous a cappella, dance, and theater groups. We have sports teams, academic organizations, fraternities, sororities, and more. But what about the clubs that don't fall into one specific category? This year, The Cherry Tree would like to feature several clubs that you may not have even known about before, but are definitely worth knowing about—and worth joining too! Though not every club posts flyers around campus or hosts events that attract hundreds, each club is equally important in creating GW's community. GW's club community enables students to meet new people and do something they've never done, would like to do more, or have been doing for years—and with new organizations added every year, the community is always growing!

**W**ithout a doubt, GW has a large community of gamers, but there's a separate group for those who enjoy both playing and the technology behind it all. GW Game Developers provides a space for students to channel their creative abilities into new and exciting games, and the team members work both individually and collectively on these impressive projects. The club allows members of any experience level to join and holds weekly meetings to brainstorm and work. The talent of this club will certainly produce professional game developers who change the future of gaming as we know it.

Buff and Blue Bakers



GW Game Developers







One unique "fun club" is the Buff and Blue Bakers, a charitable baking team devoted to whipping up sweet treats for a good cause! The Bakers have events throughout the year where everyone gathers to bake delectable cookies, cakes, and muffins of every variety, and later distribute them to the less fortunate. In fact, the mission of the Buff and Blue Bakers is to have fun exploring their culinary creativity while helping the underprivileged. The proceeds (as well as the baked goods) of the team's bake sales on campus go directly to local food pantries and homeless shelters. The Buff and Blue Bakers Club is the perfect balance of philanthropy and, of course, pastries!



"We initially started a baking club as a group of friends who liked to bake. We knew it would be more fun to bake together and thought that there must be other people at GW who like to bake too. We knew that when we had baked before, there were a lot of extra baked goods, too many for us to eat. So, we figured we would do something good while having fun baking. We decided to have bake sales to raise money for food shelters. We also have made breads and other healthy recipes to donate specifically to the food shelters. I love being able to do something enjoyable that helps me to relax, while helping out others in DC, even if it by just a small amount."

—Rachel Getzenberg, Buff and Blue Bakers

### Other Fun Clubs include:

The Cigar Connoisseurs  
The Crown of Glory Hair and Beauty Organization  
Eyes on DC  
The Toastmasters Club  
GW Competitive Gaming  
GW Paintball Club  
GW Tea Club  
JKA Karate Club of GWU  
We Book Shows  
And more

Anime is a type of Japanese cartoon that is portrayed in comic books, novels, television shows, movies, and by real people at anime conventions all throughout the country! The GW Anime Society holds weekly meetings in the Marvin Center and Friday dinners and game nights, where members play a variety of board games and Rock Band, socialize, and discuss different anime series. The club also hosts a trip to Katsucon, a major anime convention in February, and events here on campus on Halloween and Valentine's Day. If you have a passion for anime culture, the GW Anime Society welcomes curious newcomers and diehard fans alike.



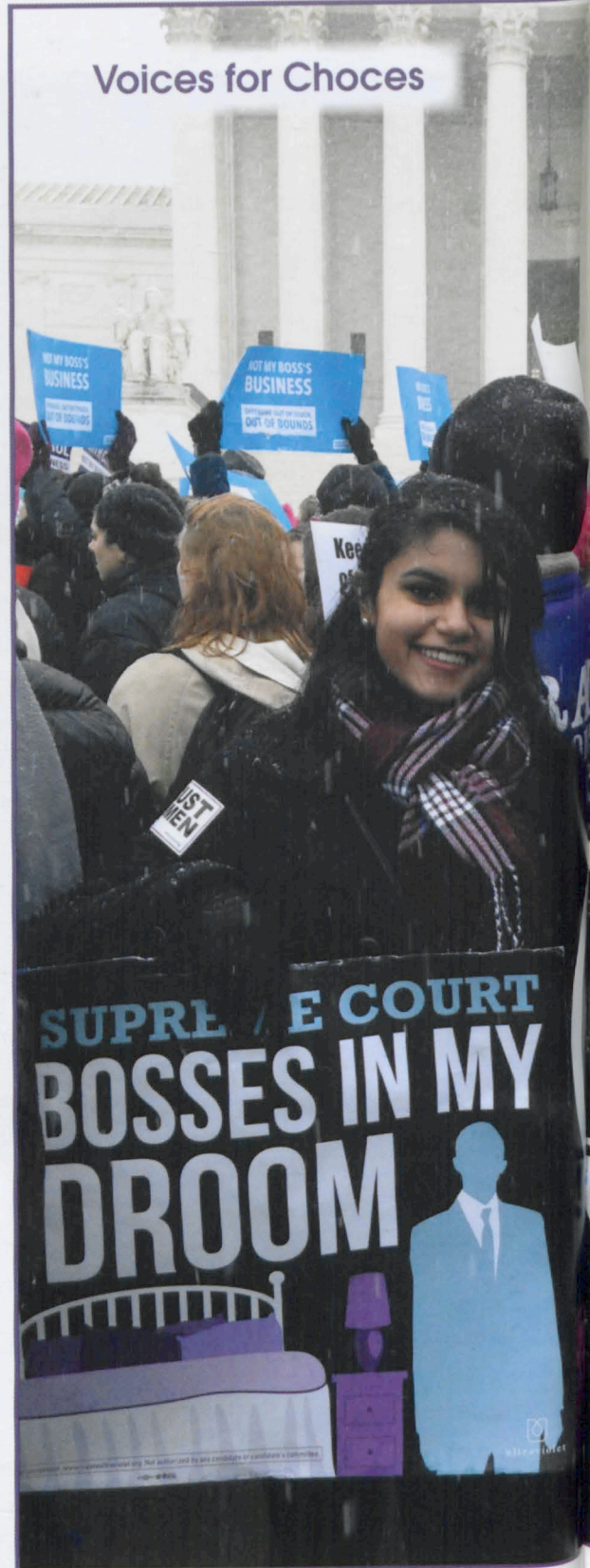
# GW Serves

The George Washington University fosters an environment where students are dedicated to giving back. With creative outreach projects, interactive events in Kogan Plaza, and fundraisers of all types, the University's service and advocacy clubs work to spread a message each and every day about the vital importance of giving back, and seek to inform students and staff about the myriad ways that we can do so. These organizations recognize that "giving back" doesn't always mean collecting money, and promote their goals by educating and providing fairness and equality to communities near and far.

Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA), provides the campus community with educational and supportive services related to sexual assault. Through events, guest speakers, peer education office hours, and workshops, SASA works to spread awareness and provide information about resources, healthy relationships, sexual assault, boundaries, consent, intimate partner violence, personal respect, bystander intervention, sexual harassment, abuse, and stalking. SASA also provides students with the proper training to be first responders, so they can aid an individual who has been sexually victimized. This year, SASA held its 4th annual Take Back the Night event, an open mic night, and other celebrations that combined limitless fun and life-saving facts. Smaller events such as workshops and film screenings were also held during the year around campus to spread knowledge about important, relevant sexual topics. SASA has also partnered up with Greek organizations to better increase sexual assault awareness in the Greek community. SASA has been and continues to be a driving force in educating the GW community and creating a respectful, violence-free, and abuse-free environment for all.



## Voices for Choces

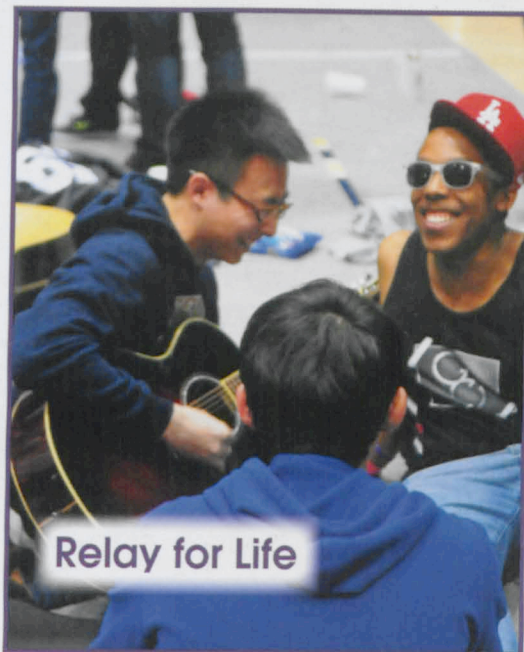






Voices for Choices is the University's official pro-choice student organization, hoping to "reignite pro-choice passion at GW." The club's main goal is emphasize that every individual has the right to manage his or her fertility, and partners with organizations like Planned

Parenthood to provide guaranteed options for those in need of them. From panels with guest speakers, to rallying at the Supreme Court, Voices for Choices strives to make contraception accessible to everyone, and promotes a healthy, sex-positive lifestyle.



Relay for Life was an event this year organized by the Program Board to serve those suffering from cancer. Held in the Smith Center, GW students and staff formed teams and participated in a number of fun athletic activities all night long to raise money for cancer research. Team members did laps around the basketball courts, each lap garnering a certain amount of money towards their fundraising goal. Relay for Life events are held at schools all over the country, and GW did its part this year, and in many years past, to give back.



Camp Kesem GW, is a chapter of a national organization that works to send children with cancer to summer camp for one week. Founded in 2007, Camp Kesem GW provides children with a summer

program that is supportive and nurturing as they deal with illness, while empowering the GW students who get involved to develop leadership skills and a passion for making change in the world. Camp Kesem has given leadership positions to over forty GW students, who have since gone on to lead other life-changing efforts, and even continued their work with Camp Kesem's greater organization after they graduate. The children Camp Kesem supports are sent to a wonderful camp, fully equipped with fun activities like canoeing, hiking, swimming, and old-fashioned campfires. Thanks to Camp Kesem, GW students are given the rare opportunity to connect with incredible children who fight their battles every day with a smile, while combining service and empowerment all in one.

The Food Justice Alliance (FJA) is an extremely diverse club that works on a number of food-related projects. One of the club's biggest projects this year was the Real Food Challenge, which involved a pledge from President Knapp to commit to providing 20% "real food" at J Street by 2020, an agreement signed on Earth Day. "FJA has provided me another family of people who are extremely open-minded, accepting, and care deeply about the Earth," says freshman Kaylee McNeil. The Food Justice Alliance remains determined not only to bring fresh, nutritious food to our dining halls, but also to provide healthy, garden-grown food to the homeless in DC, and fight for food justice on a global scale.



# Live to Raise High

Kelly Bartz: Activist, Advocate,  
and Athlete All in One

Infallible grace, astonishing drive, and pure passion come together with irresistible charisma in GW senior Kelly Bartz. An Oregon native, Kelly didn't have the typical CI experience that most incoming GW freshmen are lucky enough to have. During her final visit to GW, before her first year began, she went around campus asking several dozen people what they thought set GW apart from any other university. With many satisfying answers, one in particular from an administrator who commented on GW's remarkable school spirit, Kelly knew that GW was the school for her, and set out to "unite the various individual passions of GW students around a common theme."

From her very first day as a GW student, Kelly immediately made a point of getting involved in any club, team, and volunteer effort she could. In athletics, Kelly joined GW's cross country team as the sole walk-on freshman runner. She held her own throughout her four years on the team, despite an array of health obstacles along the way, and rose to a varsity level runner. Kelly served as a leader not only in races but also as a representative on the Student Athlete-Advisory Committee in the Student Association, and led various other service and mentoring efforts throughout her four years. On her experience as a whole in GW Athletics, Kelly said, "There is a whole community that finds its home in the Smith Center and I consider myself incredibly lucky to be included."

Kelly's incredible involvement in the GW community extends far beyond her athletics. Kelly fell in love with her position as a House Staff, residing in both Madison and Thurston halls, and made an indelible impact on the lives of her freshmen residents. The job "can be physically exhausting and emotionally taxing,"

said Kelly, but the effort she put into guiding her freshmen through a difficult transition and ensuring them success in their first year at GW was "life-changing." Kelly also volunteered with the Grassroot Project, where she educated middle school students in the DC area about HIV/AIDS through interactive athletic programs.

As if she weren't busy enough with her various commitments, Kelly also became active within Campus Outreach. Kelly was responsible for coordinating Athlete Bible Study, in which she worked closely with six freshmen who amazed her with "their sincerity, energy, tough questions,

and desire to learn more about who God is..." Kelly embraced a deeper connection with her religion through her work with Campus

Outreach, explaining, "My understanding of what it means to love and serve as Jesus modeled continues to both humble and inspire me."

Kelly's personal interests overlap beautifully with her role as an exemplary student in the GW community. Kelly is passionate about running, photography, and the people around her. Along with her major in international affairs, Kelly hopes to use her passions to aid marginalized populations around the world, enhance youth leadership development, and strengthen cross-cultural dialogue.

Before graduating, Kelly hopes to accomplish "three things: take a deep breath, express my gratitude to so many individuals who literally made my GW experience, and thank God for blessing me with a gift I had no understanding of when I opened my acceptance letter." Kelly leaves GW with an incredible legacy behind her, and she is undoubtedly on the path to success in her future endeavors. Kelly Bartz "raises high" like no other!

***"There is a whole community that finds its home in the Smith Center and I consider myself incredibly lucky to be included."***

GTOB







# On Air and in Print

One of the most defining aspects of The George Washington University is the freedom that students have to voice their opinions across an expansive variety of media. Whether on air, online, or in print, GW students never miss an opportunity to speak or write about pressing national and global topics, as well as topics relevant to our university. GW is not lacking in voicing public opinion, providing comic relief, and showcasing the talents of its students. Becoming a contributor, viewer, listener, or reader of one of GW's publications is yet another way students immerse themselves in the community, expanding not only social circles, but also awareness about relevant topics in both local and global settings.



In addition to a print edition, The Hatchet, GW's premiere student news publication, posts articles daily to its website, that resembles a real online news platform. From upcoming sporting events, to local cultural gatherings such as Christmas tree and menorah lightings, to significant worldwide events. The Hatchet tackles any story pertinent to the interests and concerns of the GW community. This year The Hatchet was lucky enough to break ground on a new townhouse! The Hatchet's writers and photographers are all talented GW students ranging from freshmen to seniors, and are advised by dedicated faculty members that ensure the publications' credibility and professionalism.







GWTV, our university's television station, provides a creative outlet for students interested in journalism and on-air production, and offers a selection of entertaining and informative programs for all students to tune in to. "Colonial Crossfire" is the station's main news program, while "F.E.M." reports on fashion, entertainment, and music. Comic relief comes in the form of the sitcom "Gender Neutral." Overall, GWTV integrates current events and humor with ease, and serves the community by providing a quality learning experience for all viewers.



Wooden Teeth has been GW's literary magazine for over 30 years. Wooden Teeth is published twice throughout the school year, and the staff invites all students to submit their work and be part of the creative process. The Wooden Teeth team collects student writings and artwork to produce a truly stunning magazine available for purchase. Weekly meetings commence to generate ideas for new selections, and are open to members and nonmembers alike. A hidden gem of GW's publications, Wooden Teeth is without a doubt a magazine you don't want to miss checking out.

GW Radio, also known as WRGW, is yet another outlet through which the voices of GW students can be heard. Kaylee McNeil, a first-year intern at the station, shared some words on just what WRGW aims to achieve. "WRGW is a platform for GW students to contribute their interests and concerns with the world online. Students can participate in talk, sports, or music shows, all of which encourage student involvement with both the Foggy Bottom and GW communities. WRGW provides opportunities to connect and network." If you're looking to explore a new genre of music, catch the score of the last basketball game, or hear varying perspectives on vital issues, depend on WRGW as the resource help you discover it all.



# Politics is our Policy

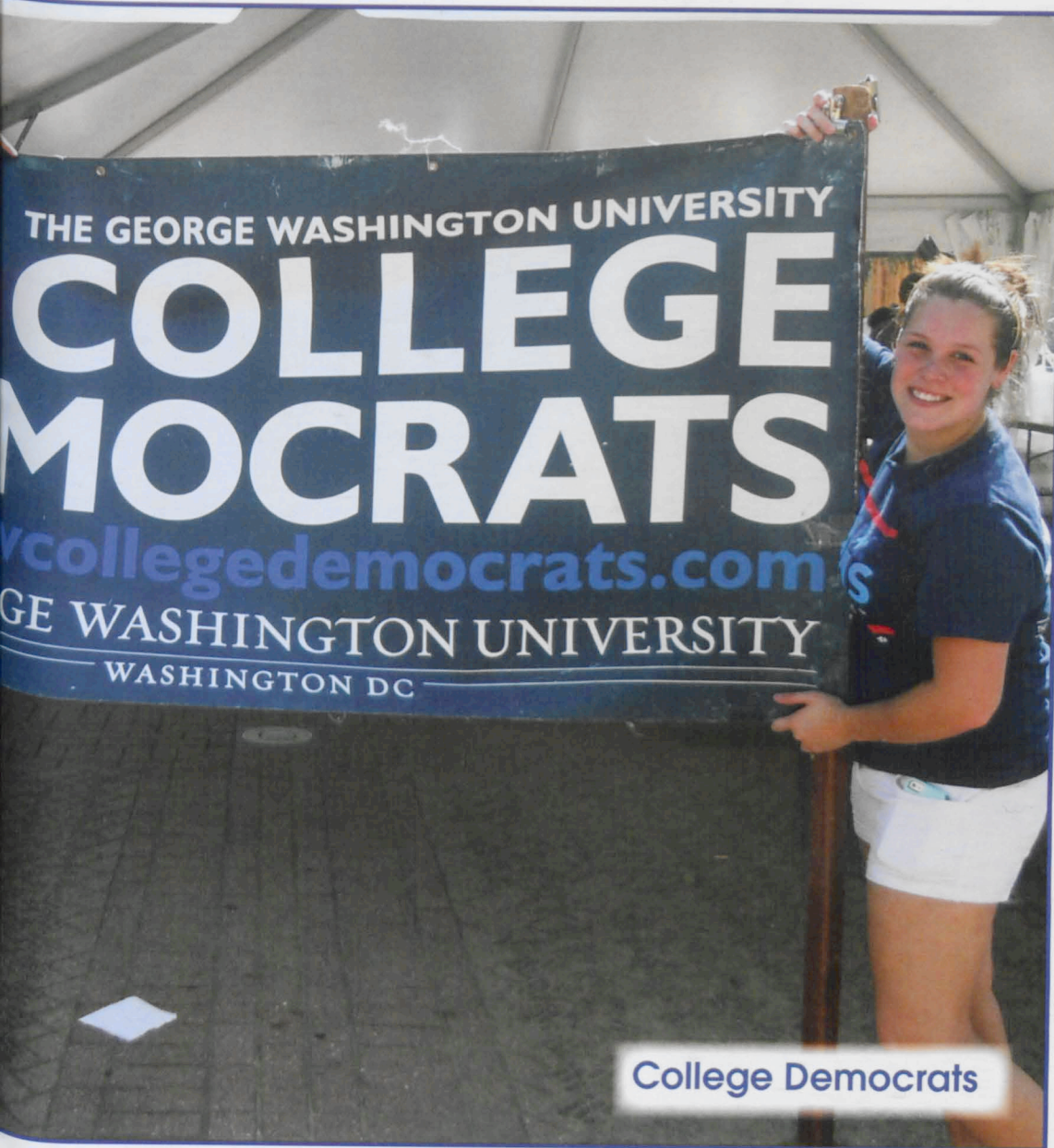
It goes without saying that some of GW's strongest and most popular student organizations revolve around politics. GW's College Democrats and College Republicans lead the way for student involvement in politics throughout the year with exciting events, special guests, riveting debates, and campaigning galore. As one of the nation's top universities for political science, GW encourages its politically-driven students to be active members of the DC community and to voice their opinions about pressing public issues. GW College Democrats and College Republicans proudly share their knowledge of and enthusiasm for politics in a fun, all-inclusive manner and motivate our political, as well as non-political, students to become leaders.

If you're one of the many students who came to GW because of its sterling political science reputation, or if you're simply looking to get more involved, don't be afraid to join either of GW's leading student politics organizations in the coming year. Whether you're listening to an important political figure, taking part in a ruthless debate on healthcare or unemployment, or just hanging out at a weekly meeting, GW's political orgs are sure to excite, ignite, and inspire!



The GW College Republicans had a fun-filled year of politics. In the fall, the Republicans hosted their annual skeet shooting trip, and later in the season a dinner with Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. The Republicans were also proud to host a headline event with Georgia politician Herman Cain. The College Republicans had a wonderful holiday party and hosted debates throughout the year against the College Democrats. Interacting daily on Facebook, the GW Republicans love sharing information about internship opportunities and political events in the community. GW College Republicans welcomes all students with a passion for conservative politics.





College Democrats

This year, the GW College Democrats have been incredibly busy. The Democrats began their year with a Welcome Back Barbeque, followed by a general board meeting the next day, and guest speaker Jon Favreau, one of Obama's former speechwriters. In October, the Democrats ventured to New Jersey to campaign for Senator Cory Booker, as well as Virginia to support Governor Terry McAuliffe throughout his race. November featured an exciting Democrats vs. Republicans football game and a talk with Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. The Democrats rang in the new year with several intense debates, as well as an event with special guest Rush Holt, a New Jersey congressman. This was certainly a jam-packed year of politics for the GW College Democrats, and they have even more exciting events planned for the coming year.





Founded in 1971, Allied in Pride is one of GW's leading LGBT student organizations. Allied in Pride amped up their activism this year with a variety of events, like their Multicultural Winter Formal and Allied in Greek, a collective event with the entire GW Greek life community. "We push to make sure everyone is respected by their peers and the administration," says the club's internal affairs chair, Philip Horowitz. He explains, "Allied is a special student organization because whether you want to affect change at the University, or if you want to make some more friends who like to get jiggy with equality, we try to make sure that everyone sees what they want." Allied's admirable work is sure to go down in GW history for making incredible strides in the journey toward acceptance and fair treatment of minority sexualities.



AQWA



# Together as One



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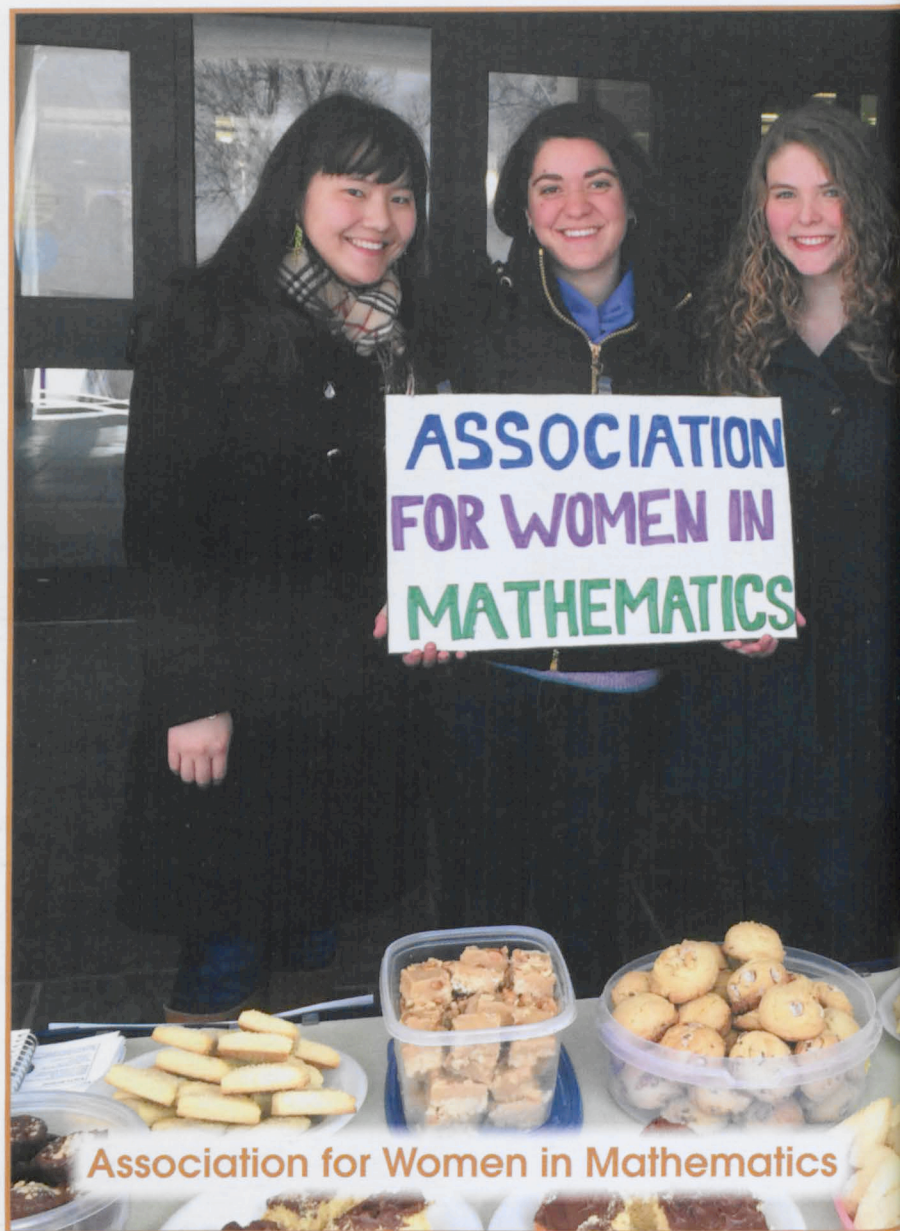
AQWA is a groundbreaking LGBT student org at GW, focused on uniting women of all sexual orientations and gender identities to stand together for a common cause. At their weekly meetings, AQWA members brainstorm ideas to expand their influence on campus. In addition to fun ice-skating trips and a scavenger hunt, AQWA has also hosted an event with Andrea Gibson (a noted poet and activist in the LGBT community) and participated in a town hall event in November for Transgender Awareness Month. AQWA continues to break down the barriers of hatred and discrimination and looks forward to many more years pushing for progress.

If there is one thing that unites every member of The George Washington University community it's our shared desire for equality. Every day, students involved in the LGBT/Ally student organizations work to spread the message of tolerance far beyond Foggy Bottom and the Vern. Through fundraisers, musical and theatrical performances and just getting out into the streets and sharing their goals and ideas, these dedicated activists work toward a future of total acceptance, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Allied in Pride and the Association of Queer Women and Allies (AQWA) are two of the many groups here at GW that push for brighter futures for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth.

There are no student organizations quite like Allied in Pride and AQWA. Greek life, sports teams, and theater companies bring together students with common interests and talents, but the LGBT/Ally groups here at GW bring together students who share common stories and struggles, and who never stop fighting for the freedom to be who they are. Whether you're simply looking for a way to meet new friends or you have a passion for progress, Allied in Pride and AQWA, along with the other incredible clubs like them, encourage you to join them in the coming school year!



The GW Association for Women in Mathematics exposes students to areas of mathematics that will expand their expertise, encourages female students to explore the benefits of a career in mathematics, and presents opportunities to work alongside professionals. The members of this organization participate in networking events year round to interact with both local and government workers in math-related positions. For example, AWM members have had the privilege of meeting representatives from the Federal Reserve, the NSA, and numerous other local companies. Additionally, AWM members attend science and engineering events in the area that even further ignite their aspirations to work in mathematics. Though far outnumbered by male students in the math department and the vast amount of liberal arts students, AWM forms a tight-knit group to share ambitions and establish connections in the professional world that will be invaluable after they graduate.



Association for Women in Mathematics



Brazil International Affairs Society

The International Affairs Society at GW is the largest non-partisan student organization on campus. Its goal is to educate GW students on matters of international importance by providing academic, social, and outreach opportunities and simultaneously making them well-rounded and well-informed citizens. The IAS prides itself on a strong sense of togetherness and works hard to recruit new members every school year. Among IAS' events this year were a variety of career panels, alumni networking events, galas, and intimate lunches with professors. The International Affairs Society also attracted an impressive line-up of high profile speakers this year, from former Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, to former Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood. The IAS proudly partners with the GW Model UN team, one of the nation's top teams, for meetings and events.



GW Quiz Team

The GW Quiz Team aims to host and compete in academic trivia tournaments throughout the mid-Atlantic region. For those students who are always on the hunt for interesting trivia, GW Quiz Team provides a forum for them to gather and share fascinating facts in biweekly meetings, and then put their knowledge to the test in competitions throughout the year. This year, the team traveled to George Mason University, University of Maryland, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the University of Virginia, and have hosted competitions with teams from numerous states on the East Coast. The team brought in a number of victories this year and looks forward to many more in upcoming competitions.



# A Lesson in Fun

The George Washington University is home to some of the nation's most hardworking students. Their endless hours of dedication in lectures, discussions and, of course, Gelman promise them bright futures and stupendous success in whatever career path they choose. However, for those students who seek to learn both in and out of the classroom, GW provides a number of fantastic academic organizations that allow students to relax and build new friendships, while at the same time challenging their ever-growing minds. This year, we would like to highlight the GW Association for Women in Mathematics, the GW Association for Women in Business, the International Affairs Society, and the GW Quiz Team—some of the many academic organizations that integrate a fun, friendly atmosphere with a spirit of enlightenment.

Creating a healthy balance between school, work, a social life, and extracurriculars is a difficult task for any college student, but GW students have the unique opportunity to combine all three by joining an academic organization. These clubs allow students to have great experiences and interact with people they wouldn't otherwise know, while also enhancing their performance in the classroom.

The GW Association for Women in Business is an academic organization on campus that empowers young female students and creates solid professional platforms for their futures. For the women at GW who aspire to command boardrooms around the world or even run their own corporations, GWWIB gives students the tools to master a business savvy society. Some of the events GWWIB hosted this year included various workshops, an entrepreneurship panel discussion, and a networking trip to New York City. The organization also hosts an annual Spring Conference. This year's conference, with the theme "Driving Vision to Reality", featured speakers from companies like Facebook and Google who shared stories of various opportunities and obstacles throughout their careers. The driven go-getters of the GW Association for Women in Business take every opportunity they get, eager to climb the business ladder and ensure a "spot on the top" in their fast-approaching professional lives.

**GW Women  
in Business**



# A Celebration of Student Life

GW holds the 29th annual Excellence Awards.



**O**n April 16th, 2014, The George Washington University held its 29th annual Excellence in Student Life Awards in Lisner Auditorium.

Hundreds of students, staff, and faculty attended, dressed formally, and eager to recognize the endless excellence that members of the GW community exhibit each and every day. There was an undeniable feeling of anticipation in the air, as nominees and their groups of supporters filed into the auditorium, cheerful and excited to know who would be walking away with an award.

The evening began with an introduction by President Knapp. Knapp described the annual ceremony as "the celebration of student life," and congratulated more than 300 nominees on their selection for 23 distinguished awards. "They want to make a difference in the lives of others," Knapp said of the nominees, "and make an impact on the world."

GW seniors Chelsea Lenhart, Omeed Firouzi, and Matthew Scott got the audience excited for the evening, with several funny, interactive skits in between awards. GW's mascot Big George even made an appearance during the evening!

The Excellence in Student Life Awards recognized students, staff, and faculty members who went above and beyond in 2013 and 2014 with their commitment to service, education and mentorship. The awards were presented by

a variety of distinguished presenters, from GW professors, to department administrators, to the grandchildren of some of the University's very first students. Recipients of these awards displayed the qualities embodied by the prominent figures for whom the awards were named, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and former GW president, Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. The awards honored people in all areas of GW community, from hardworking student employees, to spirited Greek men and women, to ambitious student organizations and their leaders. The evening was a well-deserved reminder that all of the hard work GW students and staff do every day never goes unnoticed.

The ceremony also featured several exciting performances by the GW Vibes, the Voice Gospel Choir, and Balance: The GW Ballet Group. Audience members were able to vote for either Balance or the GW Vibes to become the Students' Choice for Performance Group of the Year—with Balance taking home the prize.

Overall, the Excellence in Student Life Awards was a wonderful evening for all in attendance, and was most definitely an inspiration to students and staff, nominees or not, to always push themselves toward greatness. GW creates an environment for everyone to thrive in their academic, social, and worldly ventures, and the recipients of this year's awards are sure to further their pursuits long after they leave GW.





## Recipients

**Honey Nashman Spark A Life Award for Faculty Member of the Year:** Cheryl Thompson

**Robert A. Chernak Spark A Life Award for Staff Member of the Year:** Myles Surrett

**Baer Awards for Individual Excellence:** Chelsea Lenhart, Audrey Alexander, Jon Carfagno, Maddison Bruer, Vance Prescott

**Class of 2009 University Pride Award:** Ty Miranda

**Class of 2005 9/11 Memorial Scholarship:** Chris Faircloth

**Marc A. Zambetti Award:** Collin Krahe

**Outstanding Student Service Awards:** Jane Wallis (student) and GW Alternative Breaks (club)

**Graduate Award for Individual Excellence:** Michael Komo

**House Staff Member of the Year Award:** Morgan Shafer

**Walter G. Bryte, Jr. Achievement Award:** Allied in Pride

**Mount Vernon Award:** Amanda Dudley

**Learning Through Action Award:** GW Trails

**Joint Committee of Faculty and Students Scholarships for**

**Undergraduate Student Leadership Development:** Avani Singh, Ben Pryde, Peter Sacco, Zinhle Essamuah, Megan Krishnamurthy

**Manatt-Trachtenberg Prize:** Ashlynn Profit

**Greek Woman Award:** Paris Bienert (Phi Sigma Sigma)

**Greek Man Award:** Khalipha Misawa (Phi Beta Alpha)

**Greek Chapters of the Year:** Pi Kappa Phi, Chi Omega, Kappa Phi Lambda

**Student Employee of the Year Awards:** Rachel Lesniak (undergraduate) and Shakita Jenkins (graduate)

**Excellence in Diversity Awards:** Sigma Phi Zeta Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards:** Corey Gregory, Anthony Bucci III, Ashlynn Profit, Marcela Torres-Cervantes

**GW Wall of Fame:** Howard Davis, Omeed Firouzi, Chelsea Lenhart, Hunter Francis Pritchard, Heather Schoff

**Students' Choice for Performance Group of the Year:** Balance

**Pyramid Awards for Student Organization of the Year:** Jewish Students Association, Generic Theatre Company, Camp Kesem





# Progress and Peace

Ty Miranda sets a strong example of service during her time at GW.

An Annapolis, Maryland native, Ty Miranda stepped onto campus four years ago with goals she was eager to accomplish and a reputation of greatness she could not wait to create. Intrigued by its location in Washington, D.C. and the ambition of its students, Ty knew that GW was the only school for her and set out to make the most of her four years. Ty recalls her first impression of GW when she arrived for CI as, "big, scary, and filled with people just like me." Though she was overwhelmed by the size of the school and her new independence, Ty quickly adjusted to college life and dove into leadership positions in various clubs with tremendous energy and poise.

Through an array of commitments, Ty was able to experience many different facets of life at GW. Now a senior, Ty spent her four years dedicated to a number of different programs and organizations, from Greek Life to a variety of unique study abroad trips. Ty was named the philanthropic director of the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity, in which she organized various fundraising events and was essential to the fraternity's pristine reputation for community building.

Ty sought to "Raise High" both on and off campus. Ty was key in the creation and leadership of Alternative Breaks DC. In working with ASB DC, Ty went on trips to exciting destinations like New York and New Orleans, where she and other GW students not only explored new places and absorbed rich culture, but also did community service projects in underdeveloped neighborhoods. Even before Ty came to GW, she was passionate about traveling and learning about new cultures; coming to GW enabled her to pursue those passions and make her a world

citizen in every sense.

In addition to her work abroad, Ty also made a difference in the freshmen residence halls. The unique experience of interacting with and guiding new students requires a great deal of patience and emotional depth, and Ty absolutely excelled in her role as house staff. "Being a house staff has taught me so much," Ty explains. "I have built such great relationships with my residents this year and last year. I would not give up that experience for anything."

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As far as her academic interests, Ty is majoring in Religion, and plans to join the Peace Corps after college so she can use her extensive knowledge of world religions to the

fullest extent. Ty hopes to spread a message of peace and progress in her travels and profession, and being so involved in the GW community in the last four years has more than prepared Ty to lead the way for the communities she will enrich in the future. When asked about what she hopes to accomplish before leaving GW, Ty discussed her pride in seeing future GW students change the world. She said, "I hope to pass the baton for future GW students. I feel honored to pass the torch."

Ty has certainly set high standards for achievement and dedication that younger GW students and prospective students should aim to reach. The global community is sure to see great things from Ty Miranda in the near future, but for now, congratulations to Ty on a remarkable four years at GW. She will be fondly remembered by those who were lucky enough to live and work with her.








# Greek Life



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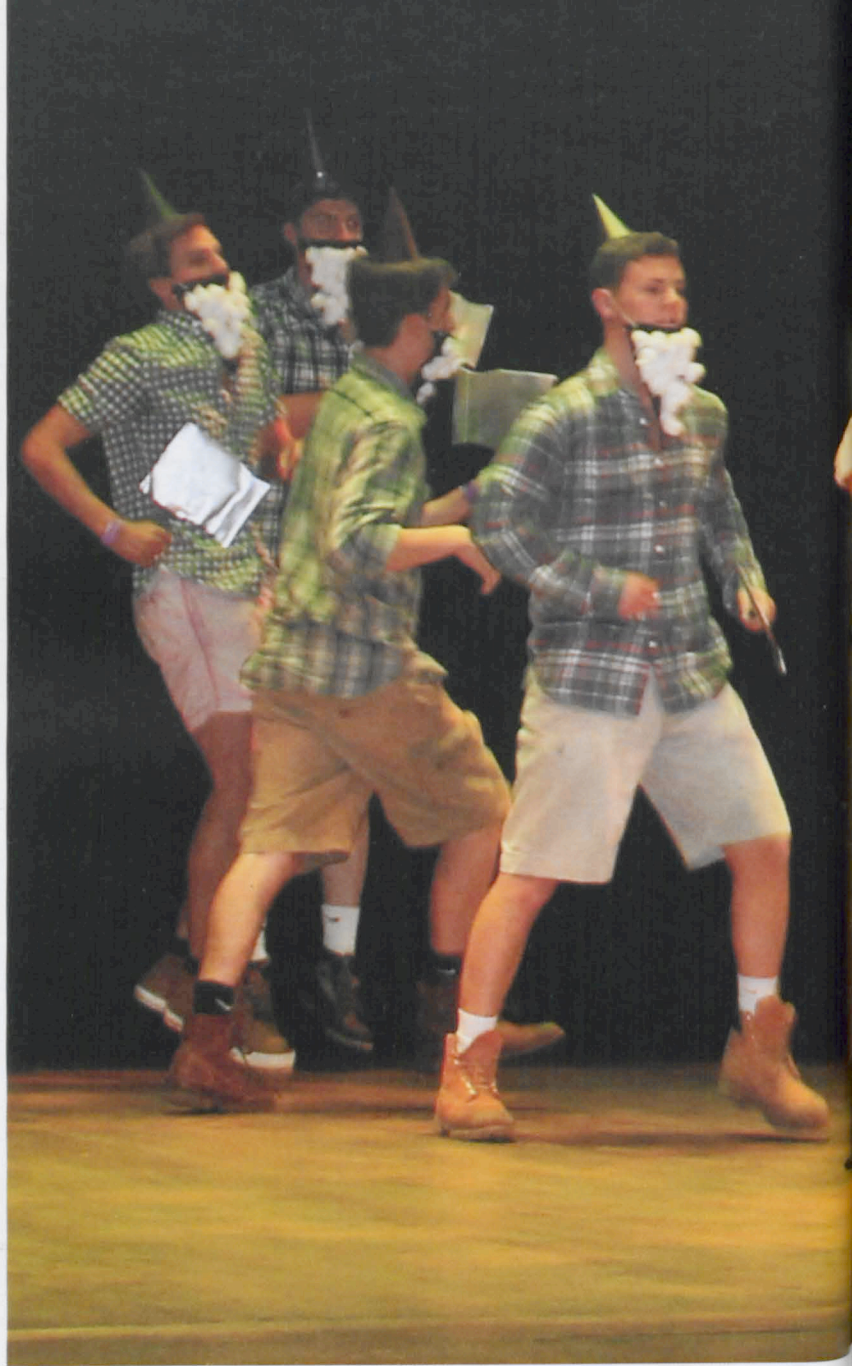


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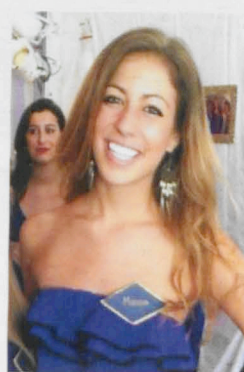
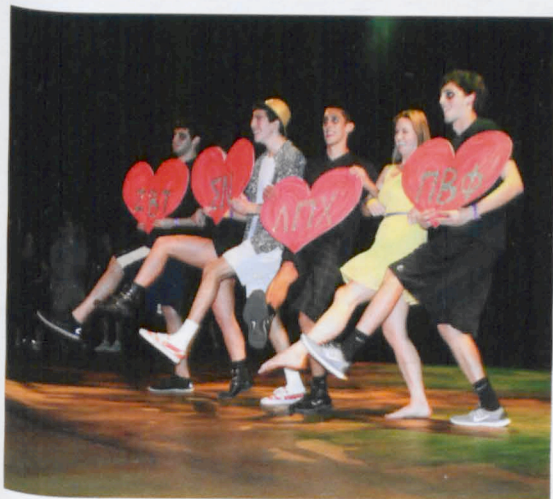


# The Happiest Week on Campus

Once upon a time, the Inter-Fraternity Council, Panhellenic Association, and Multicultural Greek Council came together to celebrate the Greek community's accomplishments and strengths during Greek Week 2013. Greek members had the opportunity to meet and network with other chapters while participating in the weeklong event. This year's theme was "Oh I Just Can't Wait To Be Greek." Each of the 11 participating teams was made up of chapters from the three councils and named a different Disney character. Greeks kicked off the week with Skit Night in Lisner Auditorium where all of the teams performed for points. Each skit was evaluated by GW faculty on creativity, choreography, incorporation of Disney theme, and of course enthusiasm. Team Cinderella (**Alpha Delta Pi, Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Psi Zeta**) won over the judges with their royal performance. Capital Funk wrapped up the night with a special guest performance. On Thursday, Greeks congregated in the Smith Center for Greek Week Quest Adventure where each team elected representative members to play. Each team had to search for items, such as a government ID, in the crowd in order to win. The next day, Greek creativity was put to the test when each team was tasked to build a sculpture out of canned goods. The Greek community not only erected several impressive sculptures, they also collected over 5,200 items for the Foggy Bottom Food Pantry and 962 box tops for School Without Walls and the Francis-Stevens School. Following the theme of giving back to the community, the culminating event of the week was a Foggy Bottom clean up. After a morning full of service, the community met in U-Yard for a BBQ. Even President Knapp, Diane Knapp, and Ruffles came out for the event! In the end, the team that found a happily ever after was Team Pocahontas (**Phi Sigma Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, and Lambda Chi Alpha**) who won with an overwhelming number of 11,620 points.







"During Greek Week, you can really feel the spirit of the Greek community at GW. Everyone becomes so excited by the competitive nature of the week and shows so much pride for his or her greek organization. It's such a fun way to get to bond with members of your own sorority or fraternity and also work with members of other organizations. On skit night, Lisner is filled with people screaming to support their teams, and it is really powerful to feel!"

—Marissa Weiner, Alpha Delta Pi



# Letters Today Leaders Tomorrow

The Inter-Fraternity Council was founded for the purposes of promoting fraternity life and providing a forum for the discussion of issues that affect fraternities and their members. Since 1858, fraternities at GW have come together under the common bond of brotherhood to improve campus life and GW's surrounding neighborhood. While these chapters have different histories, distinguishing characteristics, members, and personalities, they share the central tenets of all fraternal organizations: scholarship, leadership, service, and brotherhood.

All 15 IFC fraternities at The George Washington University are governed by the Inter-Fraternity Council. Consisting of an executive board of seven members along with the president of each fraternity, the IFC strives to promote excellence in all aspects of fraternity life and academic pursuits. This year, the IFC constituted a third of the Greek community at GW. On GW's campus fraternity men represented 28 percent of male students.

This year's Council President was Peyton Zere of the **Kappa Alpha Order**; Executive Vice President was Nicolas Berzin of Phi Kappa Psi; Vice President of Judicial Affairs was Ben Woolf of **Pi Kappa Phi**; Vice President of Recruitment was Edgar Estrada of **Delta Tau Delta**; Vice President of Programming was Nicholas Carr of **Zeta Beta Tau**; Vice President of Administrative was Keaton White of **Beta Theta Pi**.

While in term, the Council worked to promote more Greek unity on campus through better planning and new programming that would bring Greek life together in new and exciting ways. They sought to be more available to chapters and act as a resource for fraternities. They also recognized the need for stronger, more solid reformations of the judicial process that awards chapters for good standings and sets boundaries in terms of restrictions. These new processes raised the standards for fraternities on campus and demonstrated their growth, strength, and influence on campus. The Council not only promoted fraternity life amongst members but they also showed the campus that they were more than their letters.

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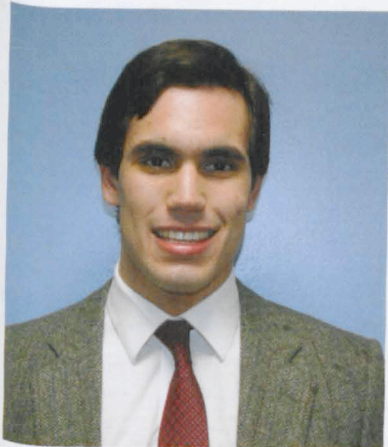


"Our executive board realizes the numerous benefits the IFC here at GW can offer, and are diligently working to make chapters aware of the resources available. Whether by challenging greek members to live up to their founder's

values, or providing a forum for chapters to discuss 'best practices,' the IFC is here to reinforce and further the success of the GW greek community."

—Peyton Zere,  
President





"As Executive Vice President of the IFC, I hope to set a precedent for fiduciary responsibility and transparency, while exploring innovative new ways to better the Greek community."

—Nicolas Berzin,  
Executive Vice President



"Having worked to revamp the IFC Judicial Board training process, it is my hope that the IFC Judicial Board will play a larger and more active role in community accountability."

—Ben Woolf,  
Vice President of Judicial Affairs



# Not Four Years But for Life

An important part of fraternity life is the strong bonds of brotherhood. Fraternities as organizations have the unique ability to transform complete strangers into a family that can rely on each other. Brotherhood gives fraternity men the opportunity to interact with a variety of men on campus that they would not have gotten to know otherwise and form lasting friendships. Brotherhood is based on shared commitments that are formed when oaths were made. It is one thing to be a good friend, but to be a good brother is a commitment to a certain set of values set forth by each fraternity.

Throughout the year, each fraternity chapter held brotherhood events that celebrated this fraternal bond. The Inter-Fraternity Council promoted two rush periods, one in fall and the other in spring, during which prospective brothers attended social gatherings hosted by GW's fifteen fraternities. This process gave prospective brothers the chance to get to know each fraternity in a relaxed and social setting. **Kappa Sigma** hosted a free pizza night at Café Aria, **Lamda Pi Chi** splurged on a lobster dinner, while **Tau Kappa Epsilon** held their annual car bashing where the fraternity provided an old car for the community to literally bash. For active brothers, rush was the chance to show new members what set them apart from other fraternities and for new members it was the first step into a community of exceptional men.

Aside from volunteering at local charities and maintaining strong academic integrity, GW fraternities help chapter events that demonstrated strong brotherhoods. **Pi Kappa Phi**s went on their annual shotgun shooting trip where they had the opportunity to practice their skills. **Pi Kappa Alpha** had a friendly game of new member versus brother football that gave Pikes the opportunity to get to know one another. **Zeta Beta Tau** hosted an event, "Fraternity for a Lifetime,"



featuring notable politicians and ZBT alumni, proving that the connections do not end in college. Likewise, **Sigma Phi Epsilon** celebrated their alumni brotherhood at the chapter's annual Alumni Night. The black tie affair not only featured alumni but also welcomed the new pledge class of the DC Alpha chapter. **Sigma Chi** sent their new members to an annual fall pledge retreat giving brothers an opportunity to bond with their pledge class.

All chapters on campus were known for their strong brotherhood and demonstrated to the rest of GW just how unique this bond is.









# Raising High for a Cause

The Inter-Fraternity Council at GW proved to be more than their letters with a commitment to philanthropic service around D.C. Giving back to the community is the backbone of any fraternity organization and it is what gives the group a sense of greater meaning. This fall, fraternities held events for the Greek community that promoted their philanthropy. In Greek tradition, several fraternities held a weeklong event that raised money and awareness to their selected cause.

**Sigma Phi Epsilon** hosted their annual Sweetheart Week that benefited the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington. The week started off with a Sweetgreen fundraiser and a BBQ in Anniversary Park that raffled off various prizes for sorority members. A highlight of the week was the Sorority Feud, where different sorority chapters participated in a fun, college version of Family Feud. Other events featured a Sweetheart Pageant and a powder puff game.

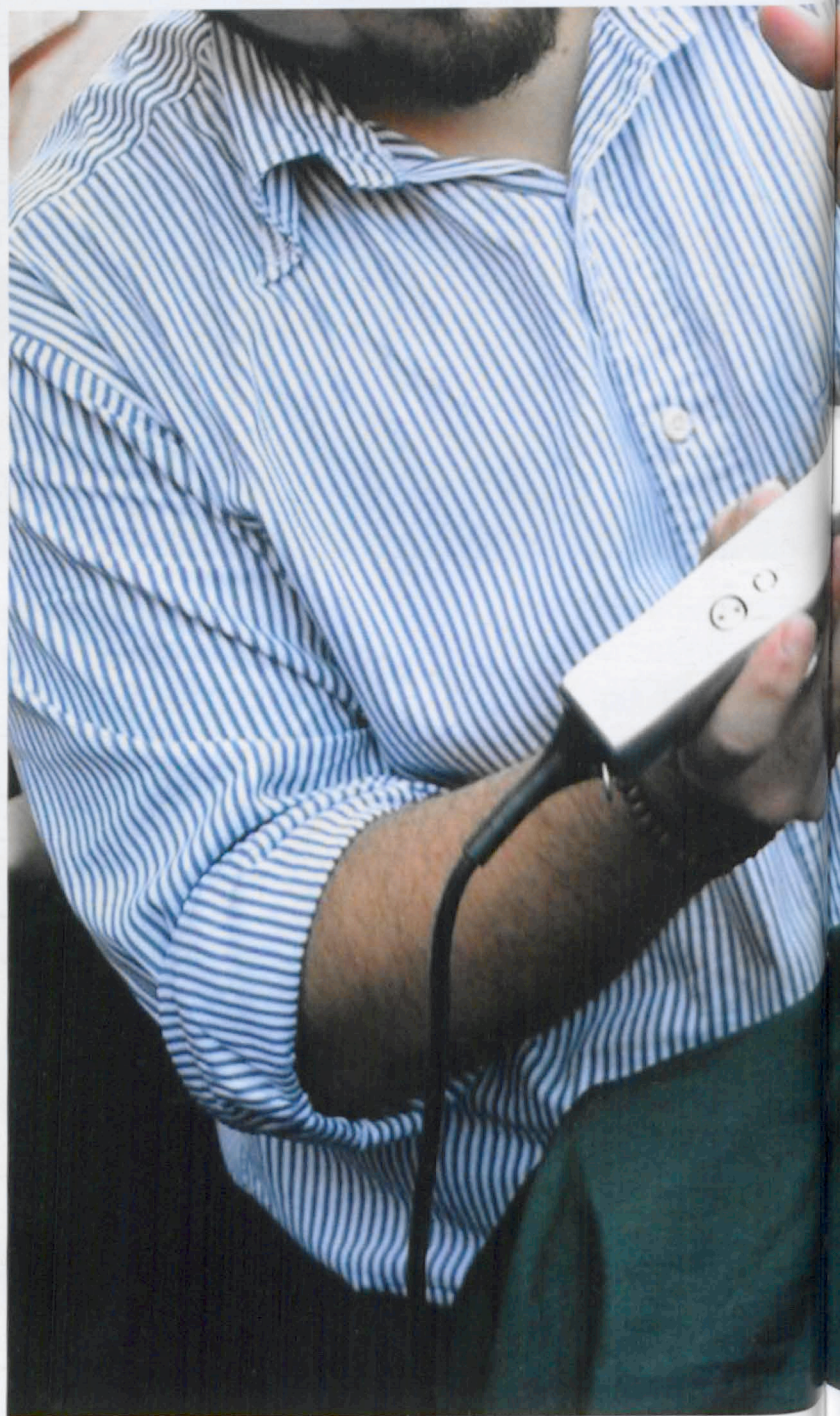
**Alpha Epsilon Pi's** Color Wars featured a fun way to give back to the community. Events included inflatable sumo wrestling, a mechanical Bull, and a giant obstacle course where participating sororities competed against each other. All money raised supported the Save a Child's Heart Foundation (SACH). SACH's mission is to improve the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children in developing countries.

**Sigma Chi's** Derby Days was an exciting week for the entire Greek community. There were a multitude of events that brought the community together to raise awareness of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. There was a Derby brunch to pump up teams for the week, community service event making care packages for children in the hospital, a brother auction that allowed sorority members to bid on their favorite **Sigma Chi**, and a Derby Dash 5k. **Sigma Chi's** philanthropy was one of the most excellently promoted events this season raising thousands

of dollars for their foundation.

New this year was **Delta Tau Delta's** Deltopia that raised money for the national philanthropy, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The week was engaging for all that participated. The highlights were the chocolate chip and nutella pancake fundraiser and a fun field day!

**Pi Kappa Phi's** annual War of the Roses competition benefited Push America, an organization that supports peoples with disabilities. **Pi Kappa** brothers hosted a speaker from Push America in order to help spread awareness of the struggles of people living with disabilities. The competition began with the "End the 'R' word" BBQ and commenced with an exciting sleepover night and dodge ball tournament on campus.

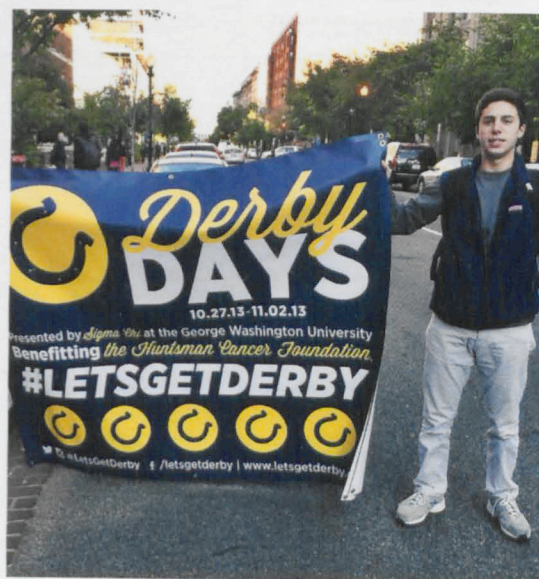
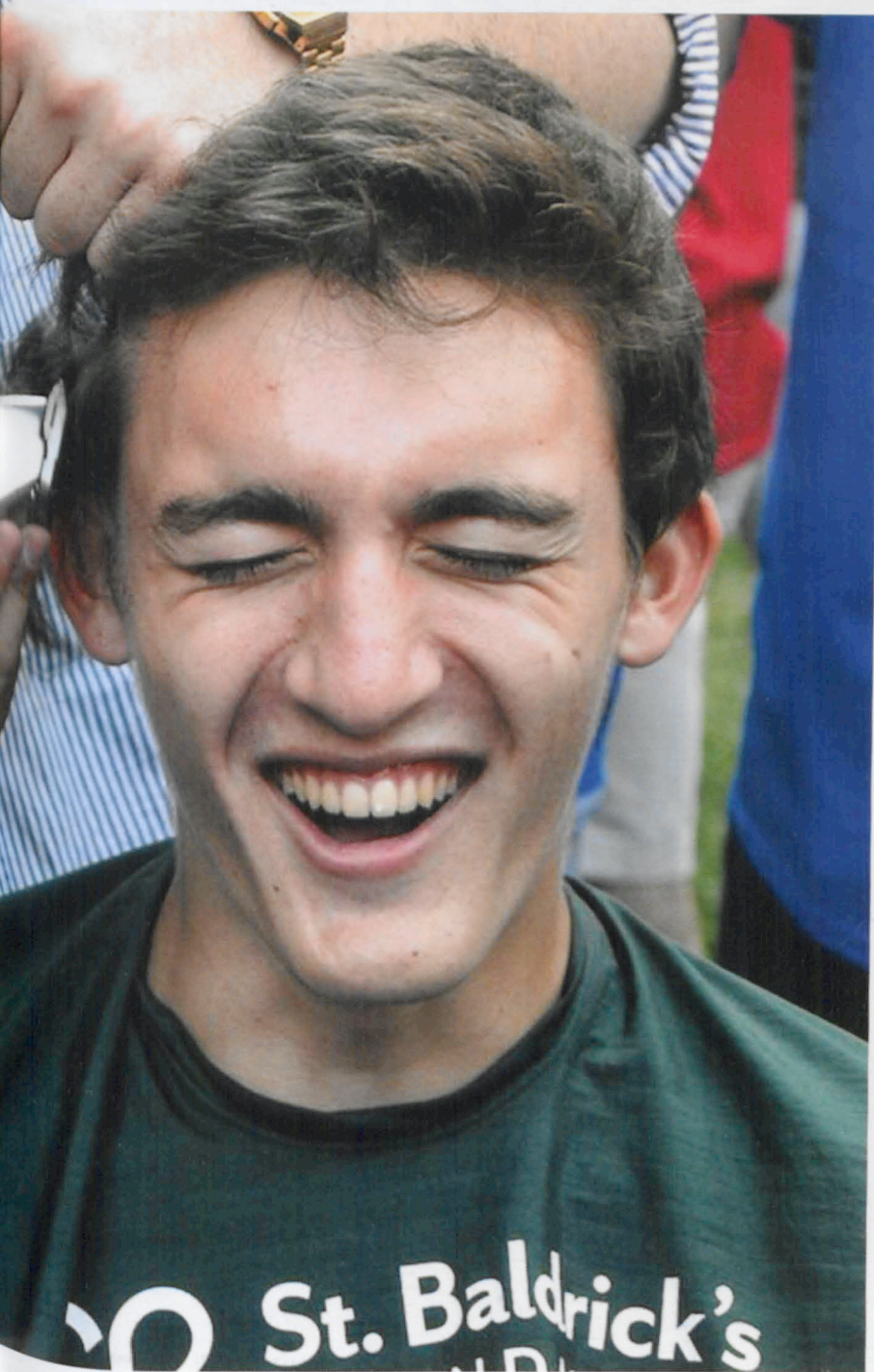






"My favorite aspect of fall philanthropies is watching our new pledge class come out and make friends with each of the sororities' new pledge classes. It always reminds me of how exciting everything was when you're a freshman."

—Ben Clement,  
Phi Kappa Psi





# Helping People, Changing Lives

This spring, the IFC Philanthropy season, fraternities hosted weeklong events that invited sorority chapters to engage in friendly competition in order to raise money for their national philanthropies. Events during the week ranged from penny wars and Sweetgreen fundraisers, to speaker panels about the cause; the weeks always culminated in a sports activity.

**Beta Theta Pi's** philanthropy week benefiting the Feel Good Foundation, which supports 9/11 first aid responders, raised over \$8,000. Partnered with **TKE** and **ZBT**, Beta hosted a block party and concert. The week ended in a competitive soccer competition.

**Zeta Beta Tau's** Get on the Ball raised money for the Children's National Health System. Get on the Ball was the process of rolling a ball six feet in diameter around campus to collect signatures for the Children's National Health System. The event included fundraisers, a cape decorating event, the ZBTahiti party, and a kickball tournament on the National Mall. The brothers of **ZBT** raised enough money to make a difference in the lives of children looking for donors.

Benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association, **Kappa Alpha** paired with sororities in order to raise money for their Muscle Week. Events included Shamrock Wars, a spin-off of penny wars to fit the theme of St. Patrick's Day, Sign-a-KA Day, where sorority members were encouraged to sign a KA brother for points, a trivia game and Muscle Walk.

**Kappa Sigma's** week benefited Project Valor, specifically a hero named Heather who was a combat Army nurse injured in Afghanistan. Sorority members had the opportunity to meet Heather during the kick-off dinner, a homemade meal made by **Kappa Sigma** brothers. Other events included ice-skating on the Georgetown waterfront, a dodgeball tournament and the Ribbon Project, a training designed to give students basic knowledge of the lives of veterans and military personnel.

Other highlights of the season included **Tau Kappa Epsilon's** paint dodgeball supporting the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. **Phi Kappa Psi's** Phi Psi for GLs raised money for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, an organization that dedicates itself to serving the families of fallen soldiers. Highlights

included a plebe auction, a Veteran's "TedTalk," and a sorority boot camp on the National Mall. **Lamda Chi Alpha** hosted their annual Watermelon Bash in April. All proceeds went to the Capital Area Food Bank. **Pi Kappa Alpha's** Fireman's Challenge engaged sororities in a series of competitions throughout the week. Amongst fundraisers and skit night, the highlight of the week was the field day that featured firemen and fire trucks!

This philanthropy season, IFC not only raised a lot of awareness and money for their individual philanthropies, everyone involved in Greek life had a really good time.





## Pike's Fireman's Challenge



Every year the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha throw Fireman's Challenge, a weeklong philanthropy event benefiting the D.C. Firefighter's Burn Foundation, a local, non-profit organization dedicated to assisting in the recovery and rehabilitation of injured firefighters and burn patients in the D.C. Metropolitan Area. This year Pike celebrated Fireman's Challenge's 10th anniversary on April 14th-19th, 2014 raising thousands of dollars for the foundation. Highlights of the week was the Feed the Firemen competition where each sorority cooked a meal for local firemen and skit night. FC field day was held on university yard where the sororities acted like firefighters and faced similar obstacles.



"MuscleWeek was KA's first week-long philanthropy to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), which provides support to patients with muscular diseases and their families. Through various events, including a Roti fundraiser, Penny Wars, and a trivia night, and the generosity of the GW Greek community, we were able to raise \$6,000 for MDA. We can't thank everyone enough for their support and look forward to expanding our philanthropic efforts in the future!"

-Zack Bachmann, Kappa Alpha



# Individually Unique Together Complete

The Panhellenic Association is the governing board of sororities at GW and serves as a vital communication link between the Panhellenic chapters on campus. Panhellenic helps member chapters realize their individual goals and unites them under the halo of Greek tradition. The Panhellenic Association seeks to provide a fruitful Greek experience to GW students. They work to ensure that opportunities are being provided and that chapters are being acknowledged for their service to the community. President Kasey Packer explains, "Our mission as Panhellenic Executive Board is to create a positive environment that promotes the core pillars of Greek Life— Leadership, Service, academics, and sisterhood. Some goals include better communication between chapters and administration, a greater number of 'Greek Unity' events (where we work with IFC and MGC), as well as emphasize the importance of creating strong sisterhood within chapters."

This year, the Panhellenic Association governed the eleven sororities on campus. The board's President was Kasey Packer of **Chi Omega**; Executive Vice President was Catherine Potter of **Sigma Kappa**; Vice President of Programming was Mollie Bowman of **Alpha Delta Pi**; Vice President of Finance was Kelsey Fisher of **Pi Beta Phi**; Vice President of Recruitment was Jamie Lichay of **Delta Gamma**; VP of Community Relations was Erin Brainard of **Chi Omega**; Vice President of Standards was Jordan Kaye of **Sigma Delta Tau**; Vice President of Marketing and PR was Taylor Miller of **Alpha Delta Pi**.

In addition to planning and collaborating with the other Greek councils, the Panhellenic Association fostered friendship, leadership and community by providing multiple of opportunities for sorority women on campus. The Association offers leadership experience for sorority women in many forms. Chapter members are encouraged to take on larger roles during recruitment as Pi Rho Chis, recruitment counselors or as members of the Judicial Board. New this year was the implementation of the Junior Panhellenic Association that engaged the community's newest members in positions of influence. The Association also planned events such as Month of Sisterly Love that fostered bonds throughout the Panhellenic community. They also offered scholarships and recognition for outstanding sorority women on campus. The unity of Panhellenic women on campus demonstrates that sorority women are more than their letters.



"Each and every day has been an opportunity to work for an amazing group of women on this campus. Not a moment goes by that I don't feel humbled by the incredible community I represent."

—Kasey Packer, President



"As Vice President of Standards for Panhel, I'm excited to help all sororities feel protected and safe. One of the main projects I am currently working on with our president is a risk management information

packet that compiles and outlines all of the rules and regulations from different school documents (such as our Code of Conduct), as well as include helpful tips and resources (such as hotlines and UCC) for the sorority girls."

—Jordan Kaye, Vice President of Standards







## Junior Panhellenic



Junior Panhellenic's mission is to create and foster a healthier and more open relationship between new members and sisters. Their goal is to act as role models on how to bridge the gap into their new chapters by providing feedback to what their recruitment experience and new member processes were like. This year's President was Leyla Wirtz of **Kappa Delta**, Executive Vice President was Jordan Pavia of **Delta Gamma**, Vice President of Recruitment was Lindsay Goodman of **Alpha Delta Pi**, Vice President of Finance was Maddy Daley of **Chi Omega**, Vice President of Programming was Maddie Adelman of **Phi Sigma Sigma**, Vice President of Community Relations was Damini Kunwar of **Pi Beta Phi**, and Vice President of Media & Public Relations was Libby Wuller of **Sigma Kappa**. Executive Vice President, Jordan Pavia said, "Being the first ever selected Junior Panhellenic Council, we excitedly took on an opportunity that allows us to sculpt and establish new, fresh voices both together and individually. By working collaboratively with our Executive counterparts and all together as a team, we are exposed to a sense of leadership, inspiration, and the beauty of being part of unit as invigorating as the Panhellenic community."



# Not Four Years But for Life

One of the more exceptional aspects of sorority life at GW is the community that you build. Not only does joining a sorority mean giving back to the community, gaining valuable leadership skills, but it also means joining a family of remarkable women. This year, sorority women across the campus celebrated what makes our community unique—sisterhood.

It starts on Bid Day when new members are welcomed into their new chapter. After four long days of formal recruitment, active sisters are overwhelming excited to welcome new members into their chapter. The day is met with excitement and cheer as new members find their new home away from home. This year, the celebration commenced on the national mall, where Pi Rho Chis led the procession of new members to their new chapters. Each sorority cheered when their new members finally joined. **Delta Gammas** were anchored in excitement as they welcomed their new members aboard. The women of **Sigma Kappa** embraced their perfect new members.

Weeks later new members are paired with older sisters in big and little pairs. Older sisters become mentors to their littles, providing support and sincere friendship. After a week of gifts and love, bigs 'reveal' themselves to their littles. **Kappa Delta** held their reveal on the roof of the Kennedy Center. The true bond of sisterhood experience was initiating new members into chapters. Members of each sorority participated in that group's unique ritual that provided another level of closeness between chapter women. **Pi Beta Phi's** annual tea party is unique in uniting big and little pairs. Each big gives their little a matching tea cup and come reveal littles has to match that teacup with her big's!

This year Panhel members celebrated their sisterhood in



a number of ways. **Alpha Phi** held a thanksgiving dinner for members; **Phi Sigma Sigma** bonded during their fall retreat to Camp Highroad! Each chapter held a number of sisterhood events however; there is so much more to the bond of sisterhood. These fruitful experiences bonded chapters and created a foundation for lasting friendships. From living in Greek housing to studying together in Gelman to saying hello in Kogan, sorority members all over campus value, support, and cherish their sisters.







I don't think it ever gets old seeing the excitement of the new members as they finally hear that their home is with us. It is this excitement, and all around fun-filled day, that hands down makes bid day my favorite day every year with Pi Phi.

—Elena Lopez-Berryman,  
Pi Beta Phi



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# Sisters Serving

Sisters give back to the community

The four pillars of Greek life, and very salient to the GW community, are Scholarship, Leadership, Sisterhood, and Service. Linked in these pillars Panhellenic women across campus are committed to serving the community. Though each chapter on campus has a different organization that it supports, sorority members are alike in that they are committed and passionate about making a difference.

This fall, the GW Panhellenic community raised thousands of dollars for their respective philanthropies. Each chapter held a weeklong event that engaged the Greek community in their cause. Many sororities hosted athletic competitions where fraternities were invited to compete to raise money for the sorority's philanthropy.

Starting in September, **Kappa Kappa Gamma** hosted Kappa Kickball raising money for Reading is Fundamental, a foundation that focuses on improving adult literacy. In October, **Alpha Phi** held their Phi Ball, a dodge ball tournament raising money to support awareness and education of women's heart health. **Alpha Delta Pi** hosted their Diamond Heist raising money for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. One of the events of the week included a hunt for diamonds around campus to win points. **Alpha Epsilon Phi** hosted AEPhi's Strongest Man

competition, testing the strength of fraternity brothers, in support of the Sharsharet Breast Cancer Foundation. **Pi Beta Phi** hosted their annual Literacy Week that featured a Teach for America Panel and culminated in a Pi Beta 5K around campus. Pi Phi's literacy week raised money for First Book, an organization that donates books to schools and promotes children's literacy.

In November, **Sigma Kappa**'s UV Days, raising money for Alzheimer's research, featured Jeopardy and a dodge ball tournament. **Chi Omega**'s Wish Week, a week-long competition that culminated in basketball tournament, raised \$18,000 for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

The service did not stop with these campus events. Each chapter was dedicated to making a difference in DC community. **Pi Beta Phi** sisters visited local schools to help teach children to read, supporting their philanthropy of children's literacy. Partnered with Honor Air, **Delta Gamma** welcomed veterans to the National Mall and walked with them around the memorials. **Kappa Delta** hosted an event for International Girls Day where sisters made jewelry, sung KD songs, and chatted with local Girl Scout troops. This fall, each chapter demonstrated that they were more than their letters as they stepped up and gave back to the DC community.



Chi Omega's Wish Week is one of my favorite weeks of the entire year. This year we raised enough money to send a little girl named Jade to Disney World for a week with her family. I loved watching the entire greek community come out so strongly for Jade, for our fund raisers, and the Swishes for Wishes basketball tournament

—MayLin Heuchling, Chi Omega





Kappa Delta's second annual Shamrock KΔpture the Flag tournament was an exciting time spent in the pouring rain. Despite the weather we raised over \$11,000 and 600 clothing items!

—Saskia Romero  
Kappa Delta





# From Compassion to Action

**A**lpha Phi hosted their annual Heart Week in February. The month of February was National Heart Disease Awareness Month, and **Alpha Phi** strived to raise awareness on campus. The week highlights included valentine making for children and other patients suffering from cardiac disease and The Dating Game, where sorority members competed for a date with the King of Hearts and fraternity members competed for a date with the **Alpha Phi** Queen of Hearts. Similarly in February, **Sigma Delta Tau**'s speed dating event brought Greek life together to raise money and awareness for the Prevent Child Abuse in America organization.

**Alpha Epsilon Phi** raised money for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation through their Phi Hoops Week. Fraternity members were invited to pie their favorite **AEPi** during a Pie Oops event and to play in a basketball tournament all in the name of charity. **Alpha Delta Pi**'s Lion Share Challenge raised money for the Ronald McDonald Foundation. The week included a Lion's Share Kick-Off Care Package Making and Silent Auction, Penny Wars, Dunk-a-Delta and a beach volleyball tournament on the National Mall. **ADPi** raised over \$10,000 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities! **Kappa Delta** hosted their 2nd annual Shamrock that raised \$11,000 for the Prevent Child Abuse in America organization. They collected over 500 pieces of clothing for

Safe Shores as well. The highlight of the week was the capture the flag tournament that took place on the National Mall.

In March, **Pi Beta Phi** hosted their annual Arrowstrike, a wiffleball tournament benefiting the First Book Foundation and children's literacy. Events included a Chipotle Fundraiser, Pie a **Pi Phi**, a Midnight Pancake Breakfast outside of Strong Hall and a wiffleball tournament on the National Mall. The week raised over \$7,000 for their philanthropy. **Phi Sigma Sigma**'s Sapphire Cup was an effort to raise money for the **Phi Sigma Sigma** Foundation, which supports school and college readiness efforts and educational scholarships. The highlights of the week were the Game Show Night and the soccer tournament.

**Sigma Kappa**'s Sigmalympics raised money for Alzheimer's Research. The season ended with **Delta Gamma**'s Anchor Bowl that benefited the Service for Sight foundation. Fraternities came out and supported the foundation through penny wars, raffles, a pasta dinner and the flag football tournament.

Outside of these weeklong philanthropies, sororities volunteered their time around DC, making a difference in their community. **Kappa Kappa Gamma** joined the Boys and Girls Club for a fun day of crafts and reading. **Chi Omega** served food to the homeless community of DC with So Others Might Eat.





# Living Greek

One of the more unique experiences in the Greek community is the opportunity to live in the house. Living in Greek housing comes with many benefits, and ultimately provides members with the opportunity to really enhance their college experience. Not only does Greek housing provide for a lively social experience, it also offers members a space where they can share meals, relax, and study together away from the chaos on campus.

Greek homes away from home can be located throughout campus however; townhouse row, equivalent to "Greek Row," is the most prominent location for living Greek. This year eight chapters (**Sigma Chi, Alpha Phi, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Kappa, Delta Gamma, Phi Sigma Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi** and **Alpha Delta Pi**) lived harmoniously side-by-side. Living in townhouse row, chapters live at the center of Greek life on campus and represent a united community.

Another popular Greek housing option is International House where an additional eight chapters (**Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Delta Tau**, and **Zeta Beta Tau**) resided in individual floors. Senior and **Beta Theta Pi** Marius Mocanu says that one of his favorite parts of living in I-house is the brotherhood development. He says, "having an entire floor with other brothers builds stronger bonds and friendships. Plus having a ninth floor balcony was a nice bonus that incentivized my living experience."

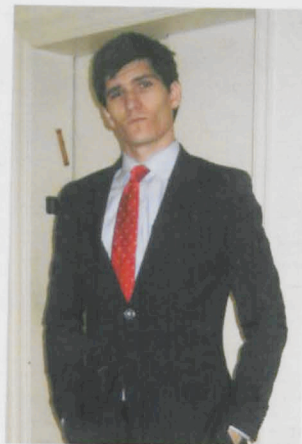
Located in the heart of campus, historic Strong Hall is home to two sororities, **Chi Omega** and **Pi Beta Phi**. Seven chapters (**Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Delta Tau, Sigma Nu, Sigma Psi Zeta** and **Zeta Beta Tau**) were housed in individual houses spread through out the GW. In addition to this, four chapters (**Delta Tau Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Chi** and **Tau Kappa Epsilon**) are housed in independently owned houses within the campus boundary.

New to Greek housing this year was Building JJ. The building used to house sustainable living and learning initiatives however; it was repurposed for Greek living. The University awarded the **Kappa Sigma** fraternity with Building JJ as a place to call their home. This year was the first since 2007 that **Kappa Sigma** has had a house on campus. Currently twenty-eight brothers live in the house.

Whether it's in townhouse row or an off-campus house, Greek members alike appreciate their home away from home as a place to relax, study, and hang out with their brothers/sisters. Living Greek is not only a fantastic way to cultivate a sense of community amongst members, it is what sets Greek life apart from other organizations on campus. This year on GW's campus, Greeks were happy to call their house their home.

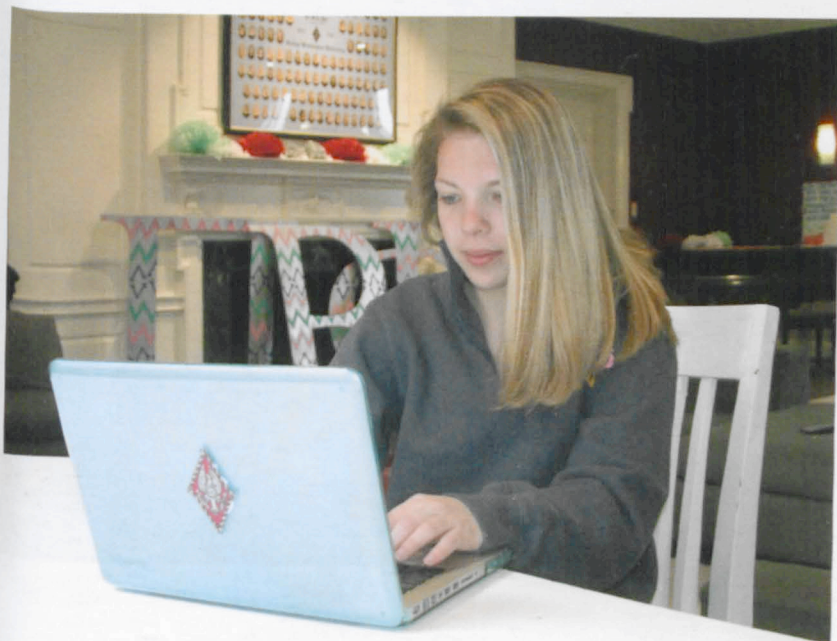






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—Marius Mocanu, Beta Theta Pi





# Individually Unique Together Complete

The Office of Greek Life welcomed the Greek community to celebrate its achievements on April 9th, 2014 and April 16th, 2014 for the Greek Awards and Greek Excellence. Awards recognized Greek excellence in the areas of Academics, Leadership, Brotherhood/Sisterhood, and Service. The ceremony honored individual chapter members and Greek organizations for their yearly accomplishment.

## Recipients

**Excellence in Academic Achievement and Scholarship** — Multicultural Greek Council Winner: Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated, Panhellenic Association Winner: Chi Omega, Interfraternity Council Winner: Beta Theta Pi

**Excellence in Leadership** — Multicultural Greek Council Winner: Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc., Panhellenic Association Winner: Alpha Delta Pi, Interfraternity Council Winner: Pi Kappa Alpha

**Excellence in Programming and Member Development** — Panhellenic Association Winner: Delta Gamma, Multicultural Greek Council Winner: Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Interfraternity Council Winner: Pi Kappa Alpha

**Excellence in Chapter Operations** — Interfraternity Council Winner: Pi Kappa Phi, Panhellenic Association Winner: Phi Sigma Sigma, Multicultural Greek Council Winner: Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

**Excellence in Service and Philanthropy** — Panhellenic Association Winner: Chi Omega, Interfraternity Council Winner: Pi Kappa Phi, Multicultural Greek Council Winner: Kappa Phi Lambda

**Excellence in Housing Operations** — Interfraternity Council Winner: Sigma Nu, Panhellenic Association Winner: Phi Sigma Sigma

**“Gate and Key” & “Delphi” Emerging Leader Awards** went to Valerie Sakellardis from Sigma Kappa and Krisstarah Gonzalez from Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc.

**Greek Unity Award** went to Chi Omega and Zeta Beta Tau.

**Greek Man of the Year** was Khalipha Misawa, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc

**Greek Woman of the Year** went to Paris Bienert of Phi Sigma Sigma.

The highest award that a chapter could win was the **Chapter of the Year**. This award recognized outstanding chapters that had a positive impact on the Greek community. This year's Interfraternity Council Chapter of the Year was Pi Kappa Phi. Multicultural Greek Council's Chapter of the Year was Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. The Panhellenic Association's Chapter of the Year was Chi Omega.







Being a sister of Phi Sigma Sigma since my freshman year at GW has given me so many opportunities like leadership experience and internships passed down from sisters, but more important than that are the friendships I've made. I have gotten to know so many people through Greek Life, and I think my favorite memory was working with Lambda Chi Alpha and Beta Theta Pi to win Greek Week this year. Phi Sigma Sigma has been my support system at GW and has taught me how to go through life as a compassionate, thoughtful, intelligent, and confident woman.

—Paris Bienert, Phi Sigma Sigma

## The Order of Omega

The Order of Omega was the National Greek Leadership Honorary Society and recognized the top 10% of fraternity and sorority leaders on college and university campuses across the country. In order to qualify for membership, one must have had a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.14, 60 credit hours completed, and demonstrated leadership within the Greek community. Order of Omega recognized fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-fraternity activities. The organization brought together top outstanding fraternity men and women across campus.



# Greek Life as a Getaway

Greek Leader, Casey Wood, Leaves GW as a Role Model for Present and Future Greeks.

Freshman year, Casey Wood joined Greek life because he was inspired by the fraternity men that he met. Fraternity brothers were leaders on campus and athletes, ambitious and outgoing and Casey looked up to these guys. In his eyes they were heroes and he wanted to follow in their footsteps. He recognized that Greek life was the gateway toward a good life and saw joining a fraternity as leading to the best collegiate experience and opportunity that he could take advantage of. Four years later, Casey emulates the very fraternity brothers for which he joined and is a leader both in the Greek life and GW communities.

Casey held various leadership roles within the community. He served his chapter, Pi Kappa Alpha, overseeing scholarship and various philanthropic efforts. But it is when Casey stepped outside of his chapter that he captured the most rewarding leadership positions. Serving on the IFC council for two years as Vice President of Public Relations and later as President, Casey was successfully able

to promote, enhance, and change IFC image as a community, creating more transparency in the GW community and forging a stronger relations with the administrators on campus.

Greek life has shaped Casey's life beyond the campus limits. "It has shown me how you can find a common bond with almost anyone. Regardless of how one looks, where they are from, what they are interested in—everyone

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has something in common on the most basic level. You can talk to anyone, you can laugh, have a good time and be there for anyone.

Greek life has taught me a lot about how to sympathize with almost any situation. How to be a leader, vocally and silently. It has taught me to surround myself with people who are passionate, driven, intelligent, and caring."

Casey gave back to the community in various ways that have only bettered other Greeks' experiences on campus. Being in Greek life has not only set the foundation for Casey's promising career but has set the stage for present and future leaders.







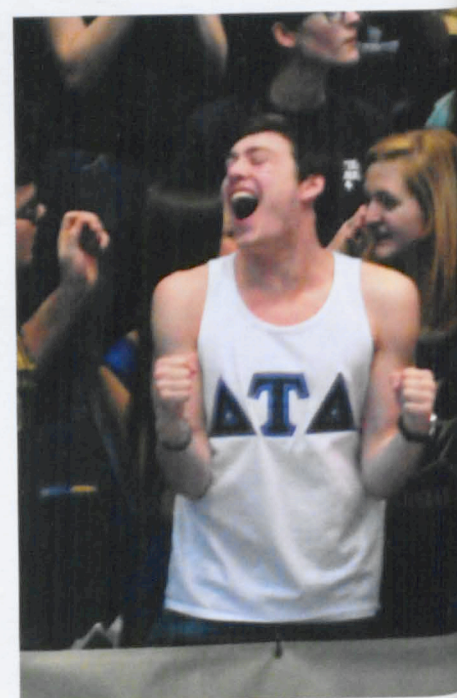
# Greeks Raise High

This year the Greek community gathered at the Smith Center to cheer on their fellow Colonials as they took on the Fordham Rams in basketball. The game was held on February 8th, 2014 in conjunction with GW's Homecoming weekend. To start the game off right, there was a Greek tailgate held on the fourth floor of the Lerner Health and Wellness Center. The event featured performances by the GW Vibes, GW Bhangra and the GW Troubadours in addition to free food from Red, Hot and Blue BBQ. The cotton candy machine and the popcorn were student favorites. Greeks also had the opportunity to jump in the bounce house!

The Greek community came out big for the game and dominated the student section, proudly wearing their support for both Greeks and Colonials alike. The game began with the singing of the national anthem by **Delta Tau Delta's** Billy Hinman. During half-time, the winners of the Sorority Cup and the Pikus Cup (Greek intramural competition) were awarded a plaque and presented their flag that would

be hung up in the Lerner Health and Wellness Center. This year's winner of the Sorority Cup was **Pi Beta Phi** and the winner of the Pikus Cup was **Pi Kappa Alpha**. Also announced at the game was the spirit competition of Mr. and Ms. GW that highlights the most phenomenal and active students at GW. This year's Mr. and Ms. GW winners not only were dedicated and extraordinary individuals that truly embody what it means to be a Colonial, they also happened to be Greek! The winner of Mr. GW was Ben Axelrod of **Kappa Sigma** and Ms. GW was Rachael Abram of **Alpha Delta Pi**.

The IFC, Panhel and MGC boards also held a competition that awarded the chapter with the most members in attendance \$200 to go towards their national philanthropy. The winners were: **Delta Tau Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Lambda Pi Chi, and Zeta Phi Beta**. Ultimately, the GW Colonials beat Fordham with a score of 93 to 67. This event was a genuine demonstration of how Greek life is deeply intertwined into GW's campus life. Raise high!







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# Grand Chapter

Grand Chapter, the last Greek community program of the year, was held April 23, 2014 at Lisner Auditorium. It was a time for the community to come together to celebrate a year to proud of. This year's speaker was Golden Globe and Emmy-nominated actress Ashley Judd. Before Ashley starred in movies such as "Heat," "Kiss the Girls," and "Divergent," she was a Kappa Kappa Gamma sister of the Beta Chi chapter at the University of Kentucky.

IFC President Peyton Zere, Panhellenic President Kasey Packer and Multicultural Greek Council Vice President Angela Bonham welcomed the Greek community to Grand Chapter. The event started with a roll call of chapters to show Greek pride. They spoke about all of the great accomplishments from this year that Greek life could celebrate including their growing presence on campus, service hours, and high academic records. Peyton, Kasey and Angela then invited Ashley to the stage. Tim Miller, the Associate Dean of Students at the Center for Student Engagement, moderated the event.

Ashley spoke about her time in Greek life at the University of Kentucky as well as her humanitarian work aiding victims of sexual assault. Ashley was very involved with helping women all over the world face and deal with the consequences of sexual assault and when asked what more GW can do to help prevent such events her answer was to encourage safe reporting of incidents. She said it was about creating a safe environment for victims to come forward and tell their story. Ashley explained that, "students are the answers to the world's most pressing problems." Ashley said that it was her time as a student that really empowered her to make a difference. By having the leadership opportunities and structure of Greek life, Ashley leveraged her passion and used that passion to make a difference in the world.

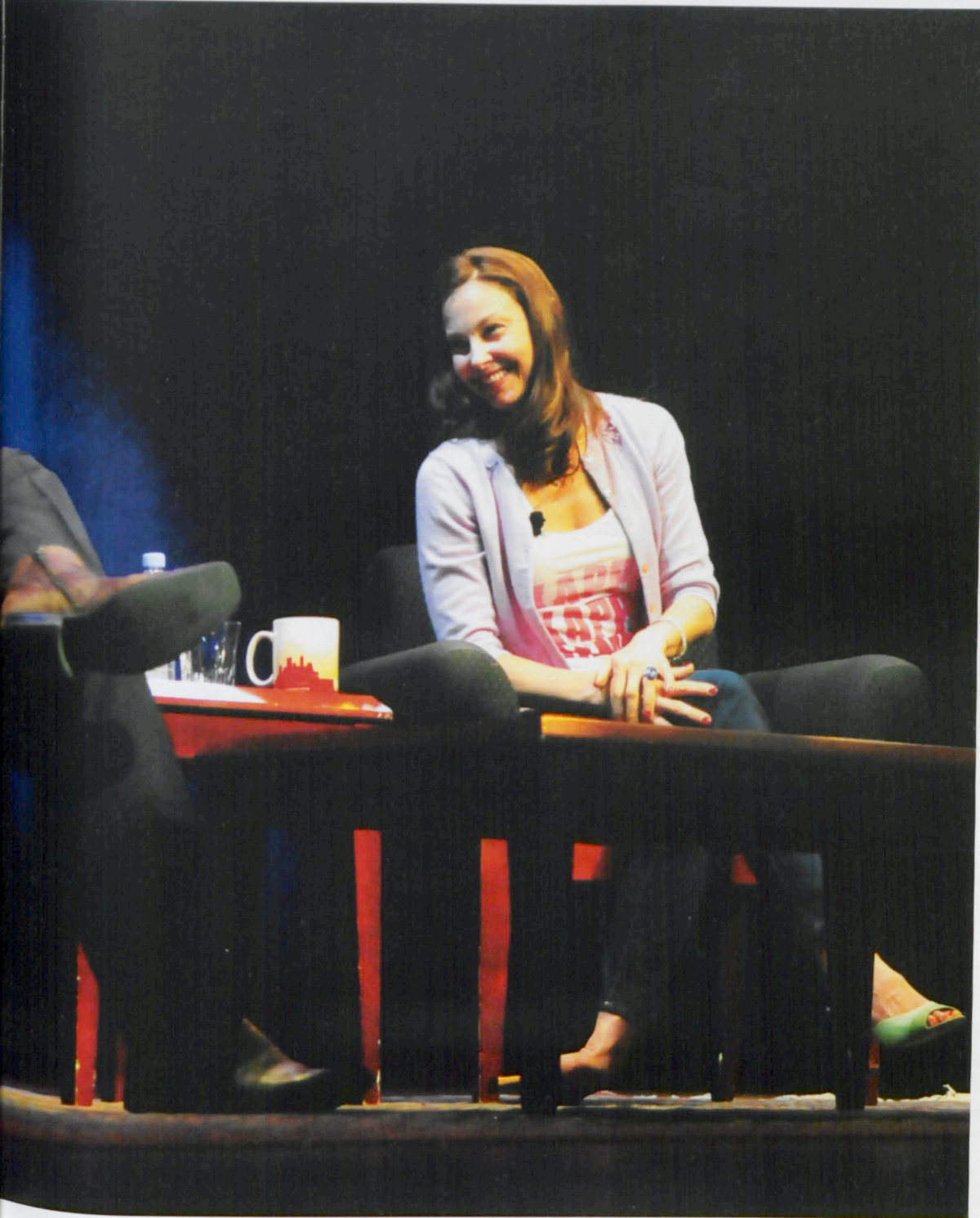
Ashley always knew that she would join a Greek letter organization. She joined Kappa as a tribute to her Godmother who was also a Kappa. It was her Godmother who was there for her during her most troubling times and it was also her Godmother that instilled the drive to go to college. Joining a sorority was a chance to have opportunities that she did not get to have when she was growing up. For her, Kappa was a safe container in which she could discuss



ideas and be herself. She explained that Greek life was a metaphor for the basic human need to belong. Greek life not only gave her structure and values to live by but it also gave her sisters who she has remained friends with.

Grand Chapter was an excellent example of how Greek life can shape leaders in the community. Greek members enjoyed hearing about how Ashley's sorority experience helped her to become as accomplished as she is.





"It was truly incredible to have so many members of the KKG and of the Greek community come together to listen to such a role model. Ashley is an inspiration and it was an honor listening to her speak!"

—Alex Kanter,  
Kappa Kappa Gamma





# Letters for a Lifetime

2013 Panhellenic President Rachael Abram Leaves a Lasting Legacy for the Greek Community.

For Rachael Abram, Greek life was the stepping stone to everything that would become her GW experience. As a freshman, Rachael went through recruitment and joined Alpha Delta Pi. Wanting to be more involved within the sorority, Rachael took on roles as formals chair and as executive vice president. This opened up the doors for Rachael who really got to know ADPi inside and out. However, she also wanted to

see how the bigger Greek community worked and what it was like to work with different fraternity council and multicultural chapters. To get this bigger picture of how Greek life worked at GW, Rachael ran for Panhellenic president and held the position for all of 2013.

During her term, Rachael and her board strived to give the organization itself a bigger presence in order to show that your sorority was not the end all be all of Greek life on campus, that it starts with Panhel. They encouraged girls to go to each other's philanthropy events

to really build that sisterly love between chapters and to rid the community of the competitive environment often seen at fraternity philanthropies. Rachael hopes "that sororities can come and work together to create more of a Greek unity that will build a better sense of community on campus."

For Rachael, Greek life has meant more than just wearing letters. It has

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been the foundation of everything she accomplished on campus. She joined Program Board

because of one of her sisters and from there went to hold the arts chair and corporate relations chair of the organization. The internships that she held she got not only through academic scholarship and personal merit but also through friends of friends of Greek brothers and sisters. Rachael's influential involvement on campus in her various leadership positions stemmed from the moment she joined Greek life and from there was inspired to become a leader on campus. "I have been so grateful for all that Greek life has given me here," says Rachael.







# Greek Unity & Cultural Diversity

At the very core of the Multicultural Greek Council is unity. It is ingrained in the foundation of their member organizations. Tied in historical roots, members of Multicultural Greek organizations pledge themselves to a lifetime commitment to benefiting and serving the cultural community yet also to the brotherhood and sisterhood that comes with membership.

This year the Council was able to branch out in terms of their own community, developing stronger ties within the different sub councils of the MGC to unify their community. With this momentum they have built stronger relationships with IFC and Panhel, working in collaboration with these organizations in order to create a more diversified vision of what Greek life should look like on campus.

As a council, the MGC serves to coordinate the activities of its member chapters, promote involvement in Greek Life, support the development of individual chapters, enhance cultural awareness, and encourage collaboration and communication throughout the Greek community. The purpose of MGC is to provide a forum that allows for the exchange of ideas, programs, and services between the 14 fraternities and sororities that make up the MGC. The Council promotes the awareness of multicultural diversity within GW and D.C. communities.

This year's president was Maronel Stewart of **Delta Sigma Theta** Sorority, Inc; vice-president was Angela Bonham of **Zeta Phi Beta** Sorority, Inc; secretary was Dominique Jones of **Alpha Kappa Alpha** Sorority, Inc; treasurer for Fall of 2013 was Shawn Crowley and for Spring 2014, Aayush Patel both brothers of **Iota Nu Delta** Fraternity, Inc.; the academic chair was Chelsea Iorlano of **Lambda Pi Chi** Sorority, Inc.; publicity chair was Mela Lawson of **Alpha Kappa Alpha** Sorority, Inc.; and the expansion chair was Khalipha Misawa.







"Through unity, fellowship, and service, the Multicultural Greek Council works to make progress for the multicultural community here at GW as well as the community at large."  
 -Maronel Stewart, President



"MGC shares our culture to unify the Greek community and to strengthen the involvement of multicultural students in Greek life."  
 - Angela Bonham, Vice President



# Unity Through Diversity

The Multicultural Greek community offered students a unique opportunity on campus to join organizations that fostered growth, personal achievement, leadership, and community. What set Multicultural Greek life apart from social fraternities and sororities was that individuals were more invested in the history and culture of their organization's background. Multicultural Greek life is culturally based, but not cultural exclusive. The Council has built a support system based on celebrating their differences and connecting through their common goals of brother/sisterhood and cultural advocacy.

Multicultural Greek life promoted diversity and unity on campus and in the GW community; they became active within the community with providing educational programming and service for member organizations and the GW student body. All of the organizations took pride in promoting diversity and spreading cultural awareness on the GW campus.

Another difference between social fraternities and sororities was that the Multicultural organizations offered life-long membership. National chapter relations created a community that extended beyond single colleges. As a life-long commitment, joining a Multicultural Greek organization meant more than just wearing letters. Members of the MGC organizations remain active as alumni members and still participate in events after graduation.

Despite its small size of around 110 members, the MGC's close-knit community and rich histories offered members a unique opportunity on campus. The community held several events on campus including service and community events. One of these events was Multicultural Greek Week. It offered the Multicultural Greek a chance to come together and celebrate their community. The event was held in September 2013. The week kicked off with a MGC Town Hall where the community



was able to meet and mingle with the new executive board, led by the President Maronel Stewart. There were also fundraisers, a field day on the National Mall where Greeks enjoyed fun and games with each other, and a BBQ featuring food and music for Greeks. Events like these showed the growing strength of unity in the Multicultural Greek community.

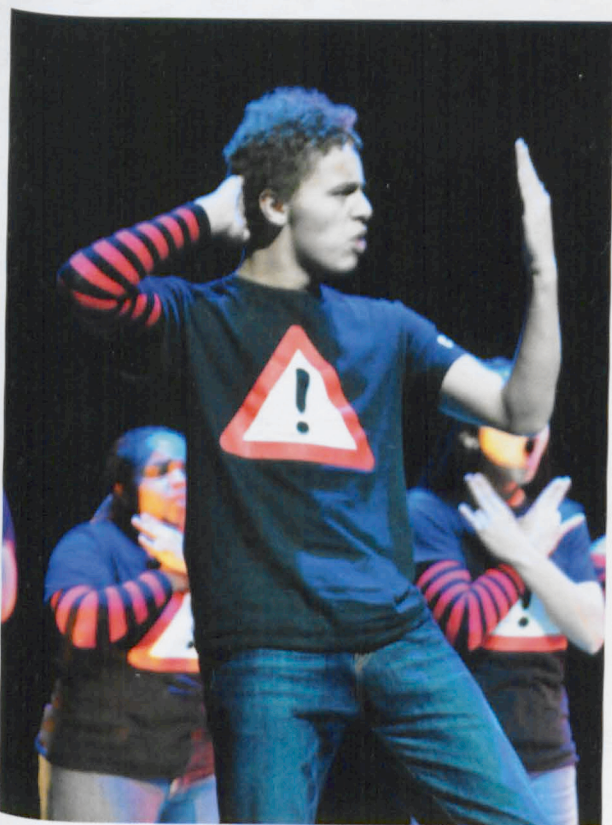
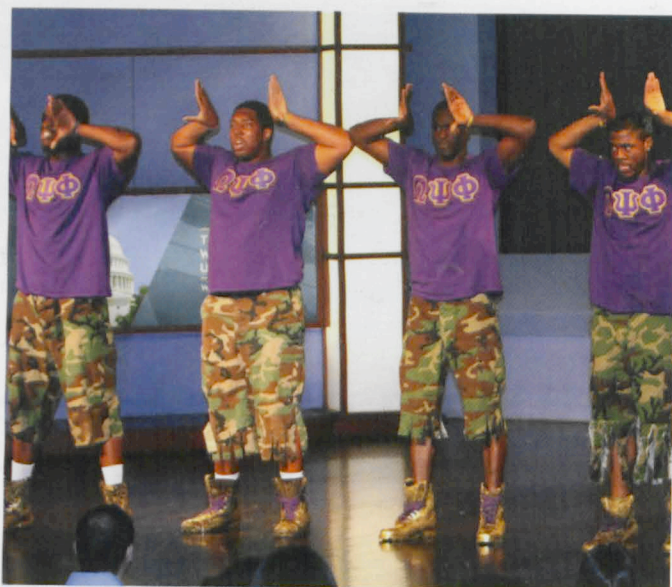






As a Council, we have been able to develop stronger ties within the different sub-councils of Multicultural Greek Council to unify our community. We have also built stronger relationships with IFC and Panhel and through that process we have been able to get the word out about MGC to the larger GW community.

— Chelsea Lorlano  
Lambda Pi Chi



## New Member Presentations



Some organizations reveal their new members to the community by way of New Member Presentations. These presentations can consist of singing, reciting poems, and listing facts about the organization and chapter.

Members of other Greek organizations within the council typically attend to show support of the members being revealed and their respective organizations.



# Building Community Through Giving

The Multicultural Greek Council was founded with great significance placed on giving back to the community. With a focus on specific ethnicities and cultures, these organizations were united to serve as a unique voice and to advocate for their respective communities. Service and education were of primary importance to member organizations at GW.

Multicultural Greek's dedication to serving their community is evident in the involvement in community service. This year the Multicultural Greek life was involved with community service both on the GW and in the D.C. community. **Delta Sigma Theta** participated in Supplies for Scholars event where we made school supply packets to send to elementary school students at a school in need. The packets consisted of a folder, a notebook, two pens and pencils as well as loose leaf paper. They also walked in the AIDS Walk, volunteered at a school for Teach for America, and hosted a Holiday Mail for Heroes event where they invited people to come make cards to send to service members and veterans. **Iota Nu Delta** worked with Little Friends for Peace through the Nehru Initiative. Working with the GW Sikh Student Association they hosted Langar, a community meal. **Iota Nu Delta** also participated in Ghandi Be the Change Day of Service and worked with South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT). **Zeta Phi Beta** Sorority, Inc. hosted their Blu Café, an event where students came together to perform in the name of charity. The event supported the March of Dimes organization, a charity working to encourage the birth of healthy babies. The goal of the event was to raise awareness of the prevalence of premature births worldwide.

From fundraisers to hands on philanthropies to clothing drives, each chapter showed their commitment to their communities in various ways. Being part of the Multicultural community meant more than just being Greek, it was about going beyond their letters and investing in their communities.







We have annual service events that we do such as, Early Move-In, Freshmen Day of Service, MLK day of Service, and many of the Asian Student Orgs cultural shows in the spring. As an active house of 18, this semester we will have completed 551 hours. My favorite event this year was the Sakura Matsuri Festival that was a part of the Cherry Blossom Festival events because there we were able to sign up for different booths depending on what we were interested in.

—Gloria Yun, Kappa Phi Lambda





# Alternatively Leading

With a growing presence on campus, the Alternative Greek Council seeks to promote non-social/professional Greek organizations and facilitate alternative Greek relationships. One of the Council's goals this year was to foster more Greek unity through effective and fun programming. This year, the Council hosted a number of events that encouraged Alternative Greek unity. They planned the first Alternative Greek recruitment fair that allowed prospective members a chance to learn about each member organization and the diversity of interests on campus. The event was a huge success and increased awareness of Alternative Greek life on campus while promoting individual chapters. Another event was the Alternative Greek Week in April that cultivated a greater Alternative Greek community.

The Council presided over eleven chapters and helped support them through cooperation, collaboration and communication.

**Alpha Omega Epsilon** promotes ideals and objectives that hope to further the advancement of female engineers and scientists, while developing bonds of lifelong friendships.

**Alpha Phi Omega** is the nation's co-ed community service fraternity. Brothers spend their time volunteering close to campus with the GW GroV Garden, St. Mary's Court, and the Foggy Bottom Food Pantry.

**Alpha Chi Epsilon** is the professional chemistry fraternity that does much more than chemistry.

**Delta Epsilon Mu** is the professional co-educational, pre-health fraternity that is open to all students who are interested in pursuing the health fields.

**Delta Phi Epsilon** is a professional fraternity and sorority created to promote fellowship among persons studying or engaged in Foreign Service. DPE's main purpose is the organization of professional programming and events that will contribute to their members' professional, social, and academic development.

**Epsilon Sigma Alpha** is the only community service sorority on campus, building friendships and a better community.

**Phi Alpha Delta** is a professional pre-law fraternity designed to form a strong bond between law students and professors with members of the Bench and Bar in a fraternal fellowship to advance the ideals of liberty and equal justice under law.

**Phi Sigma Pi** is the national honors fraternity whose national philanthropy is Teach for America. The honor fraternity seeks to organize the service, fundraising, social and recreational potential of its membership while promoting its dedication to and respect for education and academic excellence.

**Sigma Alpha Lambda** is a national honors fraternity that seeks to provide community service, improvement in academic performance and achievement and to develop leadership skills through resources and life experiences.

**Sigma Iota Rho** is an organization, which promotes and rewards scholarship and service among students and practitioners of international affairs, and works to foster integrity and creative performance in the conduct of global studies

**Theta Tau** is a co-ed professional engineering fraternity, which combines the best aspects of social fraternities and technical and honor societies—lifelong brotherhood, ritual, leadership, networking opportunities, professional development, community service and social events.



"I joined Alpha Phi Omega for the community service but also for the brotherhood. I became incredibly interested in Alternative Greek Life as a whole during Alternative Greek Week,

went on to become a representative for Alpha Phi Omega on the Alternative Greek Council, and then ran for Alternative Greek Council President of Alternative Greek Week so I could plan the event that inspired me to get involved in Alternative Greek Life."

—Lauryn King, Alternative Greek Council President





"After I joined Phi Sigma Pi, the National Honor Fraternity, I met so many different people of different majors and interests that I never would have met had I not joined my organization. Through Alternative Greek Week, I met even more people of different majors. I wanted to bring this big group of diverse people together even more, so I ran for the Alternative Greek Council, and then ran for



"I joined Phi Alpha Delta because I was interested in the law field. I was also invested in community service in high school and that is what I wanted to do in college as well. After learning about the lack of unity in the alternative Greek community I decided to join the Alt Greek council. This years' Alt Greek life has much more cohesion."

- Joshua Mason, Vice President of Financial Affairs

President, with the intention to foster more of a community within the Alternative Greek Council."

—Lily Fitzgerald, President of Alternative Greek Affairs



## Gobblefest



Gobblefest is Epsilon Sigma Alpha's annual fall philanthropy event. It is a food eating relay that features various Thanksgiving-themed foods. Each team member eats one serving of a Thanksgiving food without the use of their hands, such as stuffing or mashed potatoes, and once they finish the next team member begins. "This year for Gobblefest, we had over 200 students participate, and Tim Miller even made a team and participated! An additional 200 students and staff members came out to watch and support the event. We were able to raise over \$5,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital," said Juliet Schear who ran the event.





# With Community Comes Unity

Each Alternative Greek organization on campus has its own unique mission to foster brotherhood and sisterhood alongside a more focused objective of professionalism, community service, or honors. Alternative Greek-letter organizations connected students with shared common interests, such as medicine, law, community service, and offered members the benefits of social, professional and character building opportunities on campus through the bond of brotherhood or sisterhood. This year, Alternative Greek letter organization celebrated their community in different ways.

From **Epsilon Sigma Alpha's** annual Gobblefest to **Delta Epsilon Mu's** spring blood drive, the community was strengthened by their dedication to their organization by increasing

their presence not only on GW's campus but also in the D.C. community. To name a few, **Theta Tau** offered a multitude of professional development activities such as panel discussions, resume critiques, and networking functions that gave engaging opportunities for engineering students. **Phi Sigma Pi** hosted a mafia-themed recruitment that gave prospective members a chance to see how the fraternity incorporates scholarship and friendship; **Alpha Chi Sigma** supported the GW community by offering tutoring to students in chemistry. United by a common interest and shared goals, the alternative Greek community made a strong impact on the GW and D.C. communities, providing students with an alternative outlet to express their commitment to interests.



"I had always had a passion for service, but it wasn't until I joined APO that my perspective, experience, and love for getting involved in D.C. dramatically grew. APO is a diverse community of driven brother's with extremely varied interests. They care so much about the world that their passion continually inspired me.

—Allyson Brown,  
Alpha Phi Omega



# Nothing More Important Than Friendship

Each year the Alternative Greek Council puts on their Alternative Greek Week, a series of events planned to bring Alternative Greek Life closer together and more united.

Alternative Greek Week took place April 6th-12th, 2014. This year's theme was Pixar University. Each event of the weeklong celebration of Alternative Greek Life was themed after a Pixar movie.

Sunday's Bar-B-Que U kicked off the event. Chapters gathered at Anniversay Park to celebrate the start of Alternative Greek Week. Monday's Lifting UP the Community was a service event that collected cans for a local food bank. Teams competed to build the perfect "Up" house out of cans. Tuesday was the IncredibALTs team-building event that brought chapters closer together as individual communities as well as a wider Alternative Greek Community. Wednesday's To Trivia and Beyond event tested the community's knowledge of Pixar movies. The Council facilitated the event asking teams to remember films from their childhood. Thursday, the Council held the (Fish are) Friends and Food Carnival. Alternative Greeks came together to try different and fun fish themed foods. The event was a fun way to bring everyone together. Friday's Be Brave

field day tested chapters' strength, coordination, and agility. Teams competed in a series of challenges including: bow and arrow target competition, tricycle races, and tug-a-war.

The week culminated at the closing reception, A Night in Paris, where the winner of the week was announced. Alternative Greeks gathered at the Alumni House to celebrate a week of coming together over hors d'oeuvres and desserts. In the end the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority won the title. Not only did they receive the Alternative Greek Week trophy, DPE won \$800 to donate to their philanthropy, Sister Somalia. Alternative Greek Week fostered ties between chapters. Its success was an example of Alternative Greek Life's growing presence on campus.







AGW is collaboration, competition, and charity! From co-sponsoring an event with DEM, to cheering my sister on in a tricycle race, to rallying up our piggy banks for penny wars, I loved every second of it. The multi-faceted representation is just one example of the diversity and depth that is Alternative Greeklife. I'm proud to be a sister of DPE and to continue our support of our philanthropy, Sister Somalia.

—Helen Jiang, Delta Phi Epsilon

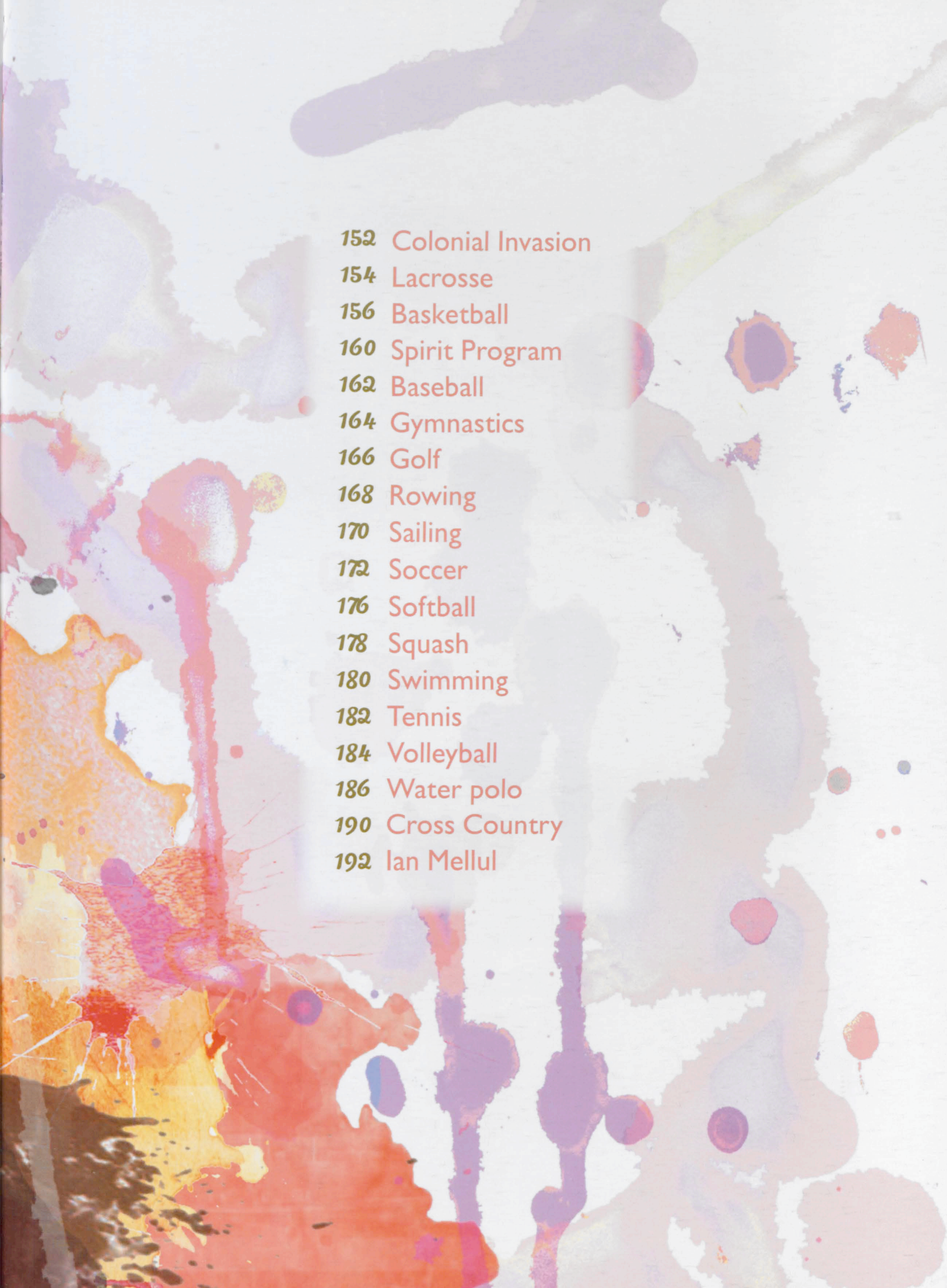




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# Raise High

GW students got excited for Colonial Invasion 2013 in the Smith Center.

Spirit came alive in the Smith Center on Oct. 13th with the Colonials Invasion. The annual event marked the official start of GW's basketball season. The pep rally was practically bleeding buff and blue as the entire campus displayed their school pride.

To kick off the roughly 45-minute long event, the Navy Color Guard and Army ROTC rippled a basketball court-sized American flag in perfect harmony with the Voice Gospel Choir's singing of the National Anthem. Then the lights were lowered, fog filled the court, and the GW

Band began playing to introduce the school's 2013-2014 men and women's basketball teams. The crowd roared with excitement.

Highlights from the Colonial Invasion included an exceptionally exciting performance by GW Gymnastics, the voice of GW Trobadours, a tempo-dance from GW Bhanga, and routines from the GW First Ladies and the Cheer Team—the women's basketball team even did a dance of their own. In addition, the two basketball teams went head to head in the Buff and Blue Scrimmage.

Perhaps the most memorable

moment of the 2013 Colonial Invasion occurred at the end of the night when Isaiah Armwood jumped over his six-foot-ten player Kevin Larsen for a successful dunk. Immediately following, the rest of their teammates stormed the court with full-blown game day energy.

Tessa Bay, Co-President of Colonial Army, said: "This year's Colonial Invasion was by far the most electrifying opening to a GW athletics season. The energy was almost palatable, and the momentum from that night has brought impressive crowds to stand behind our teams game after game."



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## Lacrosse



Back: Lindsey DiAntonio, Mackenzie Jones, Jacqui Stevens, Hallie Walker, Terasa Vassallo, Jamie Bumgardner, Rachel Quinn, Erin Long, Cara Dellavecchia, Julia Lawson, Delaney Norris, Allie Rash, Natalie Maher, Cassidy Shollenberger, Becca Taub.  
Front: Gabbi Hull, Bailey Forcier, Jenn Seitz, Casey Dell'Isola, Rachel Mia, Jordy Bathras, Ellie Glasgow, Olivia Boudreau, Shea Cassidy, Maura Feeney, Madison Pohle, MaryPat Scanlon, Michaela Lynch.

Last season, George Washington lacrosse secured a second consecutive Atlantic 10 Championship bid year for the first time in program history. The Colonials sought to improve upon their previous feats and continued to make history.

GW returned 19 letter-winners from the 2013 team, including all-conference players junior Jamie Bumgardner and Jenn Seitz and sophomores Olivia Boudreau and Julia Lawson. Having only lost four players to graduation last year and with the addition of nine talented newcomers, GW lacrosse was prepared to win.

"It was great for our players to create program history with back-to-back championship appearances but it is our expectation to improve upon that," said seventh-year head coach Tara Hannaford. "We have a lot of experienced players on this team and they all have an understanding of what we want to accomplish as a collective unit. We want to take the next step as a program and we do that by improving on a day-to-day basis."

The Colonials competed in fall ball tournaments and hit the field in January while on a two-week trip of a lifetime in Australia and got to compete against top South Australian competition. After landing seven players on conference postseason teams one year ago, the most since 2007, GW was selected to finish third in the 2014 Atlantic 10 preseason poll and looks to reach the conference championship for an

unprecedented three straight years.

"The number of all-conference selections says a lot about where our program is headed. We are bringing in players who are going to compete and push their teammates each and every day," Hannaford said. "Earning individual accolades is always great, but our team is very focused about what it is achieving as a whole and everyone wants to take that next step as a unit."

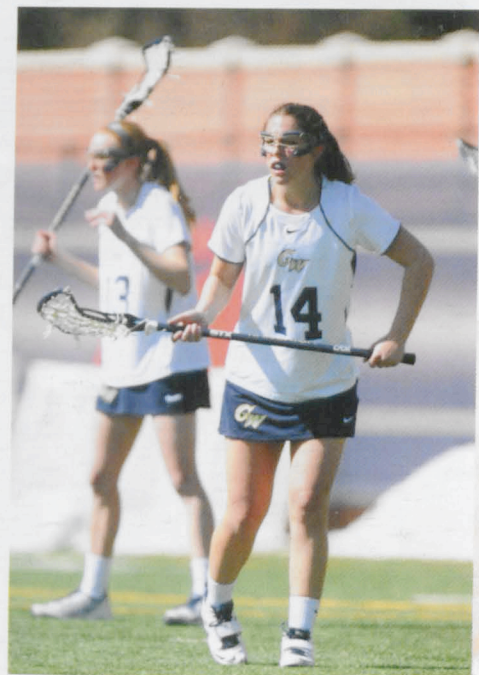
The 2014 lacrosse team proved their worth right off the bat when they dominated their season opener against crosstown foe Howard 24-7. Fifteen different players scored goals and GW was just one shot shy of tying the program's single-game scoring record of 25 goals.

Another season highlight included the breaking of GW lacrosse's single-game assists and points recorded by Bumgardner. The junior recorded 12 points on six goals and six assists to surpass the previous single-game records of five helpers and 10 points, which were set in the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

GW entered A-10 play with a regular play record of 6-9. After graduating seniors Lindsey DiAntonio, Madison Pohle, Terasa Vassallo, and Jordy Bathras, the Colonials looked ahead to furthering their program's name.



# Field of Improvement





# Men's Basketball



Miguel Cartagena, Kethan Savage, Nick Griffin, Ryan McCoy, John Kopriva, Nemanja Mikic, Isaiah Armwood, Kevin Larsen, Paris Maragkos, Skyler White, Patricio Garino, Maurice Creek, Joe McDonald.





# A Monumental Season



GW's men's basketball finished the program's 100th season with an overall record of 23-7, a conference record of 11-5, entered the A-10 conference tied for third in the league, and collected eight all-conference honors among six players.

**T**he 2013-2014 men's basketball team had a historic year. Prior to the Atlantic 10 Championship, the Colonials stood in fourth place in the league after being picked 10th in the A-10 preseason poll. GW's 23 victories tied with the 2006-2007 and 1953-1954 Colonials teams for the fourth-most in the program's 100-season history.

The Colonials tipped off the banner 100th season in triumphant fashion with a 76-54 win over Radford. The victory marked the 70th time GW won the season opener. In addition, the game set the team up for a six game winning streak, which garnered GW a vote in the Associated Press Top 25 poll for the first time in four years.

GW continued to attract the national spotlight as their success increased. In December the Colonials racked a huge win (60-53) against Creighton. The victory was GW's first over a ranked opponent since 2005 and first win over a Top 20 opponent since 2004. Sophomore Kevin Larsen led the Colonials with 14 points and six rebounds. Senior Isaiah Armwood and sophomore Joe McDonald added 12 points apiece, with Armwood recording a game-high four blocks and McDonald a game-high five assists. Sophomore Kethan Savage chipped in 10 points in just 15 minutes of action. Although GW shot just 39 percent, the Colonials' defensive game plan proved extremely effective in slowing the Bluejays' high-scoring offense.

"There were two teams that wanted a win badly today, so it was low scoring, but it was definitely a high-level game, kind of like a heavyweight fight," head coach Mike Lonergan said. "Two teams banging each other in a defensive battle."

GW men's basketball completed a 23-win regular season with a 70-67 victory over Fordham. Graduate

student Maurice Creek made a career-high six three pointers and finished with 24 points, seven rebounds and two steals in 38 minutes of playing time. Sophomore Patricio Garino reached double-digit scoring for the 12th straight game with 17 points, and Armwood added 16 points.

GW's playing definitely defied all expectations. The Colonials were the number one rebound team in the league and only lost one of 15 home games. Armwood, Creek, Garino, sophomore Kevin Larsen, junior John Kopriva, and graduate student Nemanja Mikic jointly captured eight A-10 All-Conference honors.

The season's success would not have been possible without the efforts of Armwood, Creek, and Mikic, who finished their final seasons at GW. By conference play, Armwood averaged 13.3 points and a league-best 9.8 rebounds. He became the second player in program history to record at least 500 points, 500 rebounds, 100 blocks, 100 assists, and 50 steals throughout his GW career.

Creek truly carried GW and ranked 13th in the A-10 scoring at 14.6 points per game. He finished fourth in the league his 74 three pointers. He also tied for ninth in the league with eight 20-point games. Mikic shot 33 three pointers during the season and ranked fifth all-time at GW with 182 career triples. He also became the 13th A-10 student-athlete to earn All-Academic Team honors three times in a career.





Danni Jackson, Lauren Chase, Shannon Cranshaw, Megan Nipe, DaLacy Anderson, Anjaleace White, Jonquel Jones, Caira Washington, Brooke Wilson, Bria Bourgeois, Hannah Schaible, Alexis Chandler, Aaliyah Brown, Chakecia Miller

The George Washington Women's Basketball team proved to be on the rise as they gained national recognition from the Associated Press Top 25 Poll for the first time since 2007.

Second-year head coach Jonathan Tsipis was hired the previous year with the task of re-establishing the Colonials as a national power and the most dominant team in the Atlantic 10 Conference. Tsipis took the first step toward that goal when he guided GW to their first A-10 Championship win since 2008 and a record high of 14 overall victories. The Colonials finished the 2013-2014 season with an overall record of 21-10, a conference record of 11-15, and the team received national recognition for the first time since 2007. Clearly Tsipis continued to his mission to return the program to its glory days.

GW saw the return of a strong core, anchored by graduate students Danni Jackson, Megan Nipe, and Brooke Wilson, and junior Chakecia Miller. The Colonials added five newcomers including three freshmen and two transfers. In order to prepare for success, Tsipis created a rigorous schedule for his team.

"One thing we looked at in trying to build this non-conference schedule was to have it prepare us for a very grueling A-10 conference schedule," said Tsipis. "That included playing

three teams that made it to at least the Sweet 16, as well as playing some teams on the road to get us prepared. We knew it would be really tough in the A-10 night in and night out."

Prior to the 2013-2014 season, the women's team was picked to finish fifth in the Atlantic 10 in a vote of the conference's 13 head coaches. In addition, Jackson was named to the Preseason All-Conference Third Team and Miller was offered a spot on the All-Defensive Team.

A season highlight included GW's 88-79 win against No. 21 Dayton. This victory marked first time the Colonials have won 20 games since 2007 and it concluded their regular season. Jackson posted her third career double-double with 17 points and 12 assists while Nipe contributed 18 points on four 3-pointers with six added rebounds. Additional highpoints were an 82-79 A-10 win over Saint Joseph's, an eight-game winning streak during regular season, and defeating nationally ranked teams such as California and Dayton.

GW made huge progress in the return to glory.



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# Playing on Point







Cheer: Stephen Marcopoulos, Patrick Williams, Peter Bottr, Kris Ledins, Keegan Shirel, Andrew Barnes, Lauren Leigh, Jessica Gonzalo, Emily Ottingerr, Meredith Veit, Kim Scott, Lisa Bertocchi, Bria Roach, Sydney Tate, Erika Disney  
Dance: Paige Marie, Lauren Meir, Danielle Clark, Caitlyn Collett, Dorothy Diaz-Hennessey, Carina Lorenzen, Anjani Shah, Natalie Myers, Andrea Millman, Sara Spencer, Sarah Rozman, Carina Cannon, Jackie Garcia.

The large contributions and relentless encouragement given by the GW Spirit Program was greatly appreciated by the whole University.

The GW Spirit Program was comprised of the nationally competitive co-ed Cheer Team, the First Ladies Dance Team, and Colonial Army. Throughout the year the groups dedicated their time to support all 23-varsity sports and never ceased in fostering the Buff and Blue pride. The Spirit teams were most known to the University for their attendance at every single men and women's home basketball games. All programs additionally traveled with both basketball teams to each of their games played in the Atlantic 10 Championships.

The 2014 Cheer Team consisted of 22 men and women. Apart from their energetic presence on the basketball courts, the cheer team attended morning and night practices at least three times a week. They worked on perfecting tumbling and gymnastics skills, which repeatedly wowed the crowd.

GW's First Ladies Dance Team was made up of 14 dancers. Led by head coach Wanda Weir and assistant coach Allison Tranchina, a First Lady alumna, the Ladies finished an eventful year. Their season began with a three-day camp in the beginning of August and extended through nationals in April. Practicing three to four times per week, the dance team became a tightly-knit family whose faces became familiar around campus.

The chants, cheers, and shouts of the Colonial Army were always heard ringing through the Smith Center this year. The Colonial Army has been an unfailing force of school spirit and athletic support, maintaining a large membership base and showing up faithfully to the front row of every basketball game and many other sporting events throughout the year.





# Campus Full of Cheer





# *Meeting High Expectations*







Ryan Xepoleas, Larry McCabe, Aaron Weisberg, Eddie Muhl, Luke Olson, Jordan Sheinkop, Cody Bryant, Brandon Ritchie, Andrew Piccin, Zane Schreiber, John Brady, Bobby LeWarne, Luke Staub, Jacob Williams, Max Kaplow, Craig Lejeune, Kevin Mahala, Bobby Campbell, Jon Steele, Taylor Lambke, Gabe Scott, Colin Gibbons-Fly, Matthieu Rob  rt, Colin Milon, Xavier Parkmond, Andrew Selby, Andy Young, Joey Bartosic, Eli Kashi



Appearances in the Atlantic 10 Championships have become the expectation for GW Baseball, and the league's coaches picked the Colonials to finish seventh in the Championship before their season even started.

The George Washington baseball team, under the direction of second-year head coach reigning Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year, and GW alum ('86) Gregg Ritchie, hosted 29 games at Barcroft as part of a 56-game schedule in 2014. Last season, the Colonials returned to the Atlantic 10 Championship for the first time since 2006, making it to the final four. Needless to say, the Colonials had high expectations to knock out of the ballpark in the 2014 season.

Ritchie played a huge role in preparing the team for the A10's.

During his two years as Coach, Ritchie increased the players batting averages by an average of 23% as the offense posted an 11.3% increase in runs scored and a 129% increase in stolen bases. Under Ritchie's guidance, the Colonials aimed to win their fifth Atlantic 10 Championship in program history and advance to the NCAA Tournament with the conference's automatic bid.

The Colonials began their season strong in a walk-off 3-2 win over UMES in their opening game at Barcroft Park. Senior Aaron Weisberg pitched seven strong innings at the season opener. The rest of the Colonials season saw similar success.

A note worthy achievement occurred when senior and right-handed pitcher Craig Lejeune became one of 50 Division 1 players to be named to the watch list for the 10th Annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award, given to the top relief pitcher in the NCAA.

GW said goodbye to seniors Owen Beightol, Colin Milon, Taylor Lambke, Lejeune, Luke Staub, and Weisberg. They looked ahead to another spot Atlantic 10 Championship and NCAA Tournament.



## Gymnastics



Front Row: Kaitlin Cowles, Taylor Henderson, Tessa Bouman, Chelsea Raineri, Kayla Carto  
Middle Row: Elena Corcoran, Taylor Redmond, Courtney Willoughby, Alex DeMoura, Alexis Petrikis, Kaila Solomon  
Back Row: Betsy Zander, Kiera Kenney, Sara Halliburton, Kaija Aplaks, Brittany Doran, Brenna Marcoux

"Own it" was the slogan for the 2014 George Washington Gymnastics team as they vaulted to new heights last season.

**G**W Gymnastics returned 13 letter winners to the 2014 team and welcomed four freshmen. The roster size of 17 proved to be the largest in program history. With the team's motto as "own it," the women maintained a vibe of positivity and confidence throughout the season. Much of the team's strength came from the leadership of twenty-nine-year Head Coach Margie Foster-Cunningham and the upperclassmen.

"The upperclassmen have provided a great deal of leadership to get the freshmen up to speed fast," said Foster-Cunningham. "And, I love it. I love how they put their arms around them. The seniors want to be on the podium at EAGL and at NCAA Regionals this year. They know that we need the freshmen. They are all tremendous athletes with a bag full of tricks that we need to get where we want to go. They have been working hard and building for four years towards this moment, and they are ready."

The 2014-team captain, senior Taylor Henderson, helped her team work to reach their overall goal of making it to NCAA Regionals for the first time since 2002.

"As a captain this year, Taylor has really stepped up in her leadership role," said Foster-Cunningham. "She looks outside of herself and has been a key component in bringing the freshmen along. As far as competition, that experience at NCAA Regionals as an individual performer last year was so big for her. It opened up another world for her. This year, she wants our team to be there with her. She is solid on vault, bars and floor and she is going to be really good this year."



In addition to Henderson, seniors Betsy Zander, Kiera Kenney, Sarah Hailburton, Brittany Doran, and graduate student Kayla Carto all played motivational roles last season.

The Brownie & Girl Scout Meet, held at the Charles E. Smith Center was a particularly noteworthy meet. The GW gymnasts set a new program record on the vault with a team score of 49.225, which shattered the previous mark of 49.050. The Colonials placed third at the event.

GW Gymnastics looks ahead to another exciting season in 2015.



*Own It*







Michael Helton, Steve Piela, Jack Persons, Graham Lawyer, Carlos Pena, Jonathan Dresnick, Benton Kircher, Lucas Farmer, Michael Heda.

## The George Washington University golf program began a new era in 2013-2014 with first-year Head Coach Chuck Scheinost.

Head Coach Chuck Scheinost brought nearly a decade of collegiate golf coaching experience to GW. Scheinost most recently headed the golf team at the University of Northern Colorado for six seasons from 2007-2013.

"Chuck is an up-and-coming coach who has proven he can build a golf program by mentoring and attracting quality golfers and student-athletes," said Director of Athletics and Recreation Patrick Nero. "We're confident that Chuck will bring the program consistent success in the Atlantic 10 Conference while producing student-athletes who succeed both on and off the course."

Scheinost brought a cerebral approach to the game. He worked hard with the team to make sure that they were mentally prepared to stay in the game the whole time. In line with this mental approach, Scheinost and new assistant coach, Eddie Newland, instituted tournament prep sessions.

"We'll look at flyovers of the golf course, draw up yardage books using Google Earth with specific yardages to targets and to fly targets," Scheinost said about the prep sessions. "I think that's a huge thing because it's almost like getting an extra practice round, and I think it'll pay dividends this year."

The Colonials had a nine-player roster, which featured seven returners from a team who placed sixth at the last year's Atlantic 10 Championship.

"It's going to be an exciting year, I think everyone has potential on this team," said Scheinost. "We've got to start growing that, and the biggest thing comes from putting the ball in play off the tee. Put the ball in play off the tee, give yourself an opportunity to hit the green, and give yourself a chance at a birdie putt."

Seniors Benton Kircher and Graham Lawyer graduated. The team looked ahead to improving under the guidance of Scheinost.





# *A New Era of Golf*





# The Legendary Charles Regatta



The George Washington men's and women's rowing teams returned to the legendary Head of the Charles Regatta on the Charles River in Boston.

**F**ounded in 1965, the Head of the Charles Regatta has evolved into the largest two-day rowing event in the world. This year's regatta featured more than 9,500 athletes from 23 countries and over 2,000 crews. GW was thrilled to showcase the rowing program's progress. This was especially the case for the seniors on the team.

Senior James Stafford said, "The Head of the Charles Regatta is the rowing festival of the world where teams from all over the globe come together and race down the Charles. With people all over the world racing, we get the opportunity to race the United States national team along with foreign crews. With all of these prestigious crews it is a great feeling to know that you are representing the Buff and Blue down the course."

Hayley Dannehower, also a senior, shared in the excitement. "Being able to compete in the Head of The Charles Regatta has been an aspiration of mine since the beginning of my high school rowing career," Dannehower said. "Knowing that this was my last fall racing season as a collegiate



# Rowing



Sam Bachert, Elizabeth Brighton, Jessica Cetnar, Megan Culberson, Hayley Dannehower, Brittany Ferlauto, Alexandra Gettings, Somer Glubiak, Bethany Grim, Julia Hennessey, Rebecca Jacobs, Mo Johnson, Emily Keable, Cara Korte, Gaby Kraushaar, Nicola Licata, Catherine Mao, Jen Nichols, Paige Norman, Kira Palmer, Hayley Parker, Elyse Pengeroth, Sarah Pickus, Mikaela Pynch, Julia Randle, Gephen Sadove, Charlotte Smith, Lily Snow, Natalee Sohn, Mikeala Sparks, Kendra Speak, Lauren Tharp, Madison Townley, Michaelah Townley, Helen Watson, Emily Wilson, Augusta Winthrop, Amanda Young



Trofym Anderson, Connor Barley, Connor Barrett, Connor Barrett, Amanda Chatupron, Jacob Coblenz, Kasey Colander, Matthew Coughlin, Max Deem, Thatcher Dodge, Taylor Evans, Robert Feeney, Keenan Freyberg, Thomas Garvis, Jonathan Ghoul, Joe Gorman, Matt Grieshaber, Calvin Hamilton, Dan Henry, Devin Hisarli, Brendan Keegans, Stuart King, Gabriel Knisely, Lauren Krinker, Pat Lacey, Carter Law, David Lincoln, Matt Palmer, Robert Reed, Max Reisser, Kyle Sloat, James Stafford, David Sullivan, Jordan Tewksbury-Volpe, Nick Upton, Alastair Watson, Ellee Watson, Scott Yanoff



coxswain, there was no greater honor than to represent GW in the Women's Championship Eight race. I'm excited for the opportunity to compete on the Charles against some of the top collegiate crews in the world, and can't wait to see where we stack up among them."

DC's long winter gave the Colonials extra training time for the spring season. Increased weight sessions and indoor practices prepared both teams, physically and mentally, for a challenging schedule.

Mark Davis, head coach for the men's team, said "I am really happy with the training that we did this winter," said Coach Davis. "Our scores on the ergometer have been strong and a little bit faster than what they were last year at this time."

A season highlight for men's rowing included their fifth place finish in the Copley Cup at the San Diego Crew Classic. The team's 6:08.10 was just three-tenths of a second behind fourth-place British Columbia with 6:07.81. Women's rowing illustrated their talent at the George Washington Invitational on the Potomac River when their Varsity 4 defeated MIT to lead the Colonials to a fifth-place finish.

GW men's and women's rowing has great potential in the years to come. They said goodbye to seniors Trofym Anderson, Kasey Colander, Matt Grieshaber, Stafford, Sam Bachert, Megan Culberson, Dannehower, Bethany Grim, Sarah Pickus, Julia Randle, Gephen Sadove, and Madison Townley.



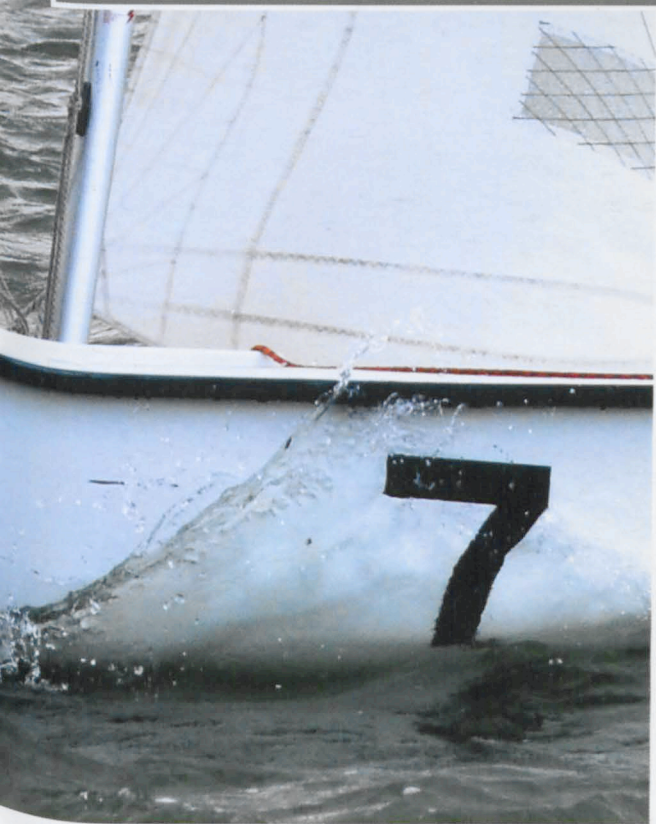
# Second Year Sailing







Front : Kelly Dong, Gabriella Marki, Madison Oleson, Erin McCormack, Sarah McCormack, Jennifer Wilson, Maria Sinagra, Kaitlin Denney, Hannah McNamee, Madeline Taggart, Gabrielle Burgoyne, Gabriella Malek.  
Back: Head Coach John Pearce, Henry Young, Brendan Shanahan, Colin Kennedy, Michael Ince, Sloan Dickey, Daniel DelBello, William Broman, Jannik Milberg, Eli Mattson, Jay Spector, Benjamin Helfand, Matthew Ricci.  
Not Pictured: Meagan Murphy



George Washington sailing spent their second year continuing to grow the program into one of the best teams regionally in the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association under Head Coach John Pearce.

Coach John Pearce put together a challenging schedule for the GW sailing team in order to increase their scope and level of recognition. "It's going to be a challenging season with lots of chances to test ourselves against the best teams in the country," said Coach Pearce. "We have a young, hungry team and gaining high-quality experience at the national events is very important. There is no doubt that we have the talent to turn some heads and shake up the pecking order as well, so it will be a lot of fun."

GW was among an 18-team field that included seven of the nation's top 20 programs, which included Georgetown, St. Mary's, Navy, Old Dominion, and Fordham. The Colonials aimed to compete against the nation's best and qualify for the ICSA National Championships.

A challenging new discipline for the team included Team Races. Team Racing featured 3-boat versus 3-boat matches between teams in a round-robin format. Coach Pearce said, "we dove right into the thick of it, with the goal of gaining experience in Team Racing this year and building on that in future years."

Along with the addition of Team Races, GW entered in several Laser regattas. The Laser is the men's one-person boat that was used in the Olympics. In college, sailing the Laser serves as the individual championships. "We have several strong Laser sailors on the team and we will be a strong presence at the MAISA Laser Championships," said Pearce at the start of the season.

A season highlight came when the Colonials captured their third regatta title with a victory at CJ's Regatta hosted by Christopher Newport. GW entered first place among the seven teams present and remained there throughout the event's 14 races. GW took the winning title with 56 points.

CJ's Regatta proved to be a great reflection of GW's up and coming sailing team. The team finished the 2013-2014 season hungry for future improvement. GW graduated William Broman, Kaitlin Denney, Eli Mattson, Erin McCormack, and wSarah McCormack.





# GW Soccer Goes for Depth





The GW men's soccer team greatly benefited from additional recruiting and networking efforts, which provided talent in numbers.



Ten newcomers joined fourteen veteran players to form GW's 2013 men's soccer team. The combination of new and old talent created considerable competition for each position.

"All over the field we have two or three guys competing for each spot," said second-year Head Coach Craig Jones. "I believe we have the depth that when we are missing players, the guys coming off the bench will be just as good as the guys that they're replacing."

Despite being a young team, the players' range of skill and flexibility set the team up for success. In the first of three exhibition matches, GW battled Duke to a 0-0 tie. Sophomore goalkeeper Jean-Pierre van der Merwe played all 90 minutes and senior Bailey Hinners took three of the Colonials four shots in the game.

"I'm very happy with today's performance," said Jones after the game. "I knew going in that this was going to be a tough game as Duke is a quality team. We got a chance to give many of our new players significant minutes and everyone did great."

GW's success continued when they defeated Howard 2-0 to earn their first win of the regular season in the D.C. College Cup at George Mason Stadium. Goals were scored by sophomore Jonny Forrest and senior Tyler Ranalli. Another noteworthy victory was a dramatic 2-1 game against A-10 rival Rhode Island. Sophomore Eddie Painter scored a golden goal in the fifth minute of double overtime.

The Colonials concluded the season with an overall record of 5-10-2. The team went unbeaten for the first four games of the A-10 Championships and earned a conference record of 2-4-2. Ranalli was also named to the Capital One Academic All-District 2 First Team. He became the third GW men's soccer player to earn this honor.

GW bid goodbye to seniors Abdul Shaban, Alex Sandland, Ranalli, Hinners, and Francisco Solorzano.

## Men's Soccer



Front Row: Jopus Grevelink, Angel Valencia, Eddie Painter, Spencer Bezirdjian, Spiros Tsakos, Ross Higgins, Farhan Khan.

Middle Row: Tobi Adewole, Miles McClearn, Garrett Heine, Dominic Gallelli, Tyler Ranalli, Jonny Forrest, Sam Summerlin, Matt Levin, Abdul Shaban.

Back Row: Alex Sandland, Bailey Hinners, Francisco Solorzano, Andri Alexandersson, Luike Farrell, Jean-Pierre van der Merwe, Jack Lopez, Philip McQuitty, Matthew Scott, Nils Elwing, Haig Hengen.



# Mental Toughness





## Women's Soccer



Front Row: Madison Davis, Cassidy Mercier, Alex Neal, Kristi Abbate, Jane Wallis, Emily Brown, Becca Malizia, Erin Boudreau, Ellie De Carlo.

Middle Row: Alex Brothers, Brooke Bean, Taylor Katz, Kyla Ridley, Nicole Belfonti, MacKenzie McIndoe, Chouassi Tshimanga, Amanda Gaggioli, Melanie Keer, Kate Elson, Lina Proska.

Back Row: Sarah Hayashi, MacKenzie Cowley, Camille Roberts, Kiara Robertson, Elizabeth Casey, Miranda Horn, Nicole Ulrick, Meg Murphy, Sydney Morris, Brooke Stoller, Claire Haft, Ivana Szejewski, Bri Byrne.

George Washington seniors Melanie Keer and Nicole Ulrick were named 2013 National Soccer Coaches Association of America and mentally prepared the women's team for a successful season.

Keer, an exercise science major, and Ulrick, a psychology major, have racked up multiple academic accolades throughout the year as were both named to the Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team in November of 2013, the first Colonial players to earn the distinction since 2009. The duo also helped GW pick up its fourth straight NSCAA Team Academic Award for the 2012-13 academic year. Additionally, they were recently named to the GW Athletics Academic Dean's List, while Ulrick was one of 18 student-athletes to achieve a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. Keer and Ulrick's academic focus heightened their focus on the field, which served as motivation for the rest of the women's team.

"Last spring we focused a lot on mental toughness. It was a tough offseason and we grew so much stronger as a team on and off the field and in the weight room," goalkeeper Ulrick said at the start of the 2013 season. "I am incredibly excited to start my senior season with fit, hardworking and competitive teammates, which includes a large class of freshmen who possess the same qualities. We are looking forward to continuing our progress and seeing all of our hard work pay off."

GW returned 21 letter winners and seven starters from 2012, and welcomed 11 new players to the roster. Second-year Head Coach Sarah Barnes sought to improve upon a 5-12-1 record. Improvement was visible as the team finished the 2013 season with a record of 7-6-5. In addition, the Colonials secured a bid to the A-10 Championship for the first time in 11 years.

GW bid goodbye to seniors Alex Neal, Jane Wallis, Claire Haft, Keer, and Ulrick.





Front: Marissa Mangini, Chelsea Curcio, Samantha Dos Santos, Morgan Matetic, Madi Myers-Cook, Bradleigh Breland, Megan Linn, Victoria Vaols.  
Back Row: Mary Wiley, Courtney Martin, McKinley Tretler, Carlee Gray, Paige Kovalsky, Alexandra Del Prete, Maura Murphy, Meghan Rico, Jillian Galich, Moncia Macchiarulo.

The George Washington Softball team was determined to earn the A-10 trophy and a bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament to mark the programs eleventh year.

GW softball returned 10 letter-winners and welcomed eight highly regarded freshmen. The 2014 team, under the guidance of fourth-year head coach Stacey Schramm, shared a hunger for victory.

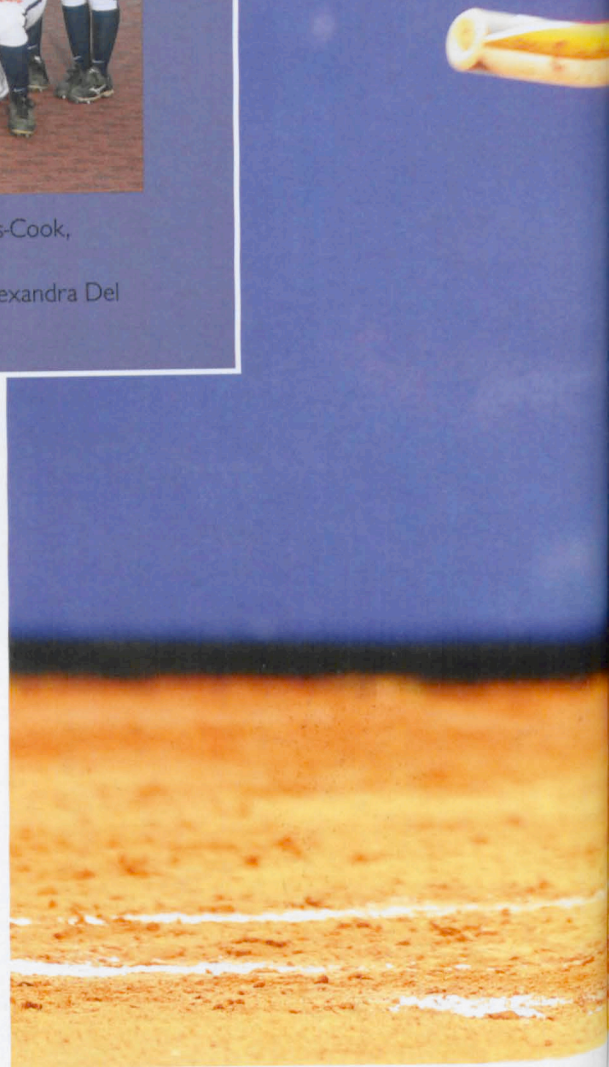
"Although last season was the best season for the program in the record books, this team felt that they had unfinished business to take care of," said Coach Schramm. "They were more determined than ever to get that first-place trophy and a bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament. Our 2014 schedule put them in a great position to build their confidence and level of play heading into the A-10s."

GW's challenging schedule included tournaments against top competition at Long Beach State, LSU, and UNC Greensboro.

"These will be exciting matchups for our players," said Coach Schramm. "We'll get to see great pitching, hitting and defense. The only way that we'll be able to keep up with these teams is if we bring it to the field ourselves. I believe that at our best, we give ourselves a chance to beat anyone. Playing such tough opponents in consecutive weeks will help our players to set a standard of emotion, determination and focus that needs to be brought to every single game."

GW's first win occurred when freshman Marissa Mangini bunted in the bottom of the eighth inning to defeat UNC Greensboro 2-1 at the Spartan Classic. Another season highlight was the team sweeping of Cornell in a doubleheader at the GW Softball Field on the Mount Vernon Campus. The Colonials won 4-3 and 16-14. The 16 runs and 18 hits were the most GW has recorded since a 17-0 win in April, 2012.

At the end of the season, GW bid farewell to seniors Courtney Martin, Chelsea Curcio, and Alexandria Del Prete.



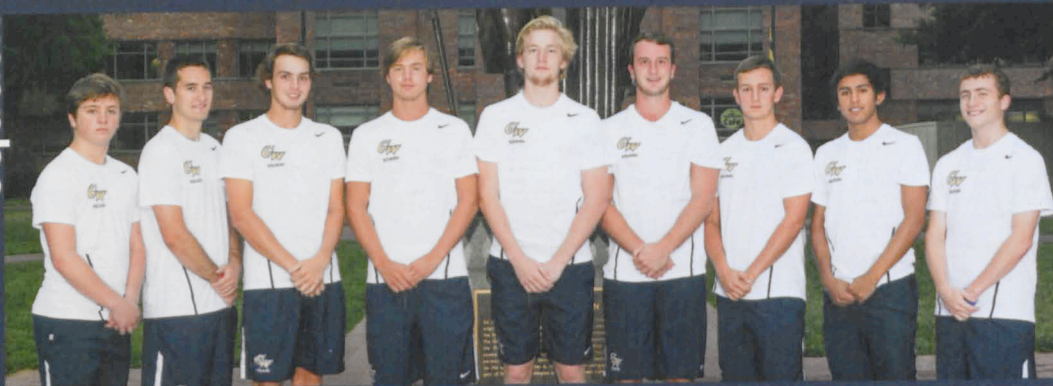


# Playing to Win





# Squash



Men: Chris Bell, Ari Bental, Auguste Boova, Reid Breck, Andres de Frutos, Dillon Halloran, Josh Marks, David Moxley, Charles Norfleet, Will O'Donnell, James Reiss, Nicolas Valderrama  
 Women: Kelly Barnes, Adriana Calderon, Mehak Chawla, Catherine Ehrlich, Breanne Flynn, Becca Imrich, Emely Levyn, Maya Nair, Jessica Perkins, Alejandra Porras, Anna Gabriela Porras, Jackie Shea, Eunice Tan, Elizabeth Tapley, Alexa Tzarnas



GW men and women's squash teams sought to improve their national rankings in the College Squash Association for the 2013-2014 season.

Head Coach Wendy Lawrence created a schedule for both squash teams that featured a number of teams ranked in the top quarter of the College Squash Association National Rankings. In total, the men's team played seven teams ranked in the top 15 of last season's CSA National Rankings, while the women's team faced eight such teams.

"Our goal was to take on this challenging schedule because it was the only way we were able to move up in the rankings," said Lawrence. "We decided to take a different approach and add more difficult matches so that we were pushed harder each week."

In addition to a taxing schedule, both teams focused on increasing their physical strength as well. "We have been focusing on dynamics and conditioning more than we have in the past," explained senior Elizabeth Tapley. "It has helped



# National Ranking for Squash



us gain more endurance. One of their strengths last season when we played was definitely their fitness, so we knew we had a good shot to win some matches based on the work we have been doing."

The men's team began the year with a preseason ranking of number 19. They were mainly composed of underclassmen, with one senior.

"There is a different kind of excitement this season," said Lawrence. "We have eight freshmen, so it's a very different dynamic than what we have seen in the past few years. It's a rebuilding that we have never really had before. It's going to be harder than in years past with such a young roster but I believe we have the pieces to be able to move up in the rankings as long as we unite as one cohesive team."

The women's squash team, on the other hand, returned all their players for the 2013-2014 season. The team was much stronger than previous seasons, with a full roster of 15 student-athletes and a preseason ranking of 14th in the CSA Preseason Poll.

"This team is the deepest and strongest team that we have had in

program history," said Lawrence. "I am fully expecting us to break into the top-10 of the CSA rankings this season. Publications around the collegiate squash world have GW flagged as the up-and-coming team this year and we are very excited to prove that we are just that."

The women's team proved their talent by going head to head with Navy's male junior varsity team and beating them. By conquering this challenge, the team gained a huge leap of confidence.

GW men's squash finished the season with a national ranking of 20th with an overall record of 7-12. They said goodbye to senior Chris Bell. The women's team earned an overall record of 11-5. They earned a ranking 11th, the highest ranking in program history. Graduated seniors included Kelly Barnes, Adriana Calderon, Catherine Ehrlich, Becca Imrich, Maya Nair, Jackie Shea, and Elizabeth Tapley. The seven seniors in the Class of 2014 have helped the Colonials to 45 victories over the past four seasons, including the 2011-12 Walker Cup Championship at the College Squash Association Team Nationals.



# Swimming



Front Row: Ryan O'Malley, Matt McPherson, Joe Lipworth, Garrett Cottingham, Jordan Sharples, Jake Mortensen, Nick Smagula. Back Row: Goran Koprivnjak, Liam Huffman, Bogdan Balteanu, Adam Rabe, Oliver Keegan, Ben Fitch, Spencer Neff.

Front Row: Brittany Liedholm, Mara Debnckoff, Sydney Saunders, Sloan Saunders, Taylor Cole, Bianca Valencia, Hannah Schaefer, Carly Whitmer. Back Row : Lauren Steagall, Caroline Myers, Melissa Fernandez, Morgan Zebley, Emma Gaquin, Lauren Law, Remy Neville, Lindsay Moore.

GW men and women's swimming 16th-year Head Coach Dan Rhinehart said, "everyone is another year stronger and another year faster and we are going back to A-10s with a core group of people who are ready to score."

GW's swim teams had high aspirations for the 2013-2014 season. The Colonials finished fourth at last year's Atlantic 10 Championships, but Rhinehart believed both squads were more than capable of improving. The men's team welcomed six rookies and a junior transfer, while the women's team was primarily composed of talented veteran swimmers.

"All of our newcomers have the capability of scoring in multiple events at the A-10 Championships and I expect them to push the upperclassmen throughout the season," Rhinehart said.

In order to ensure advancement in the A-10s, the Colonials traveled to Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico for their sixth consecutive winter training program. The trip, which consisted of three-day workouts, provided GW with intensive training both in and out of the water.

"This was a good training trip with lots of hard work put in. It is a good time in the year when the swimmers can get away and focus strictly on training without outside distractions," said. "This is when we make our big push to put ourselves in a good position as we move forward to the last few weeks of our season and prepare for the Atlantic 10 Championships."

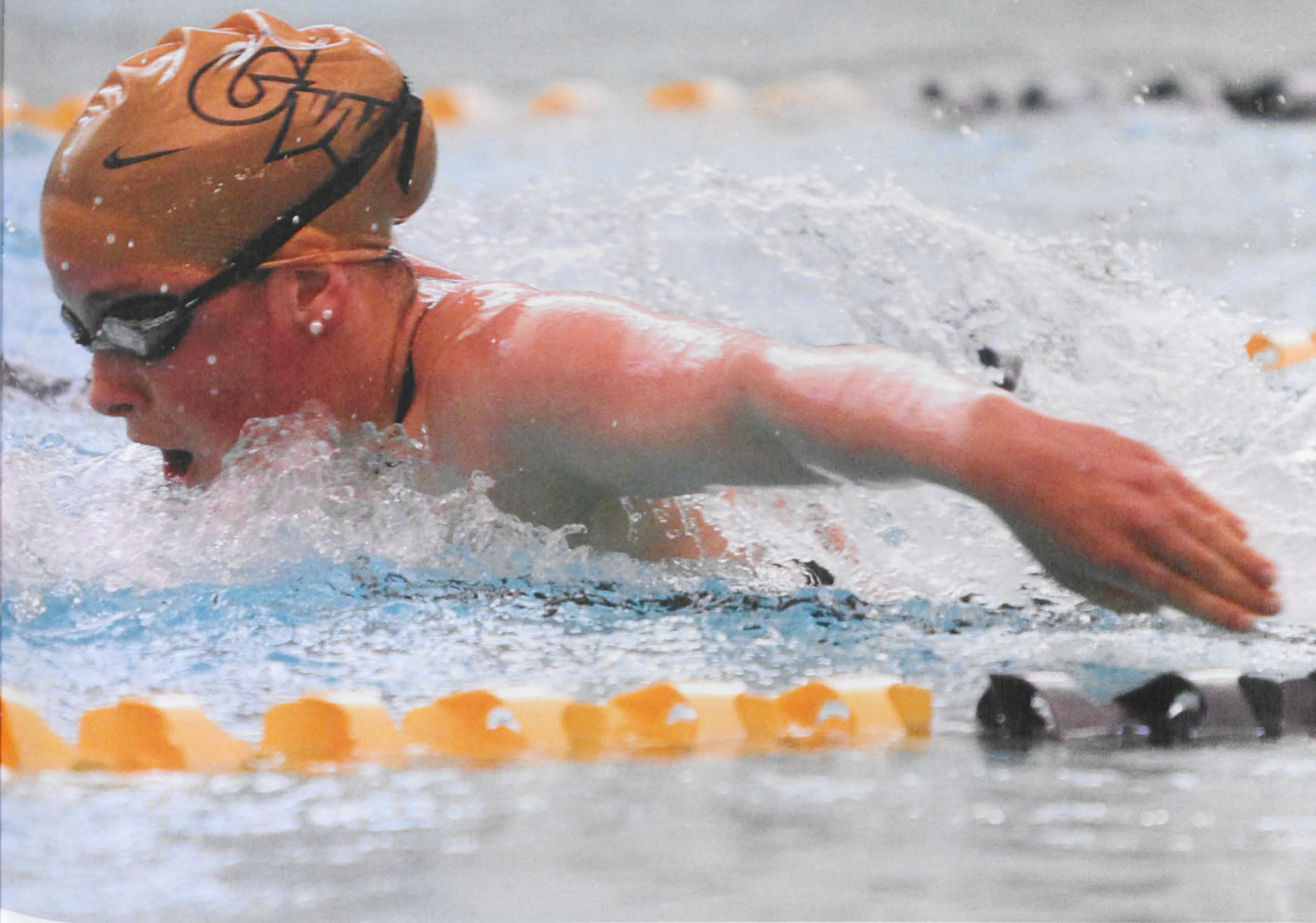
"Being in Puerto Rico helped immensely by keeping the team focused on swimming," said freshman Lauren Law. This trip has definitely helped our overall goal of being successful at A-10s because, with more difficult practices, the team was able to step up to the challenge."

Without a doubt, the hard work that the swimmers exemplified in Puerto Rico carried into GW's spring season. A noteworthy meet proved to be the Rhode Island Invitational, which took place in January. The women's team won the event with a total of 414 points on the strength of five event victories





# Core Swimmers Ready to Score



and 36 top-five performances. Senior Caroline Myers, junior Janica Lee, and rookie Carly Whitmer each won individual events while the 400-yard medley relay team of senior Lindsay Moore, Lee, junior Morgan Zebley and senior Sydney Saunders also took home top honors.

The men's side earned second at the two-day event with 351 points, led by first-place finishes from senior Jake Mortensen, junior Goran Koprivnjak and freshman Liam Huffman. Additionally, Koprivnjak, Huffman, junior Adam Rabe and rookie Bogdan Balteanu won the 400-yard freestyle relay. For his efforts over the weekend, Huffman was tabbed the Atlantic 10 Men's Swimming Rookie of the Week.

At the close of the season, GW bid goodbye to seniors Spencer Neff, Mortensen, Taylor Cole, Melissa Fernandez, Rachael Johnston, Moore, Myers, Remy Neville, Sloan Saunders, and Sydney Saunders.







Men's: Daniel O'Connor, Sinan Ipeker, Ulrik Thomsen, Nikita Fomin, Viktor Svensson, Danil Zelenkov, Francisco Dias.

Women's: Brydie O'Connor, Leah Pascarella, Lana Robins, Allison Hansen, Egle Jakuciunaite, Grace Egger, Christina Carpenter, Isabella Escobar, Taylor Nederlander, Stephanie Wei.



## GW men's and women's Tennis put together a demanding 2013-2014 schedule in order to continue improving their national rankings.

Men's tennis entered the season with a No. 74 national ranking as the team prepared to embark on one of their most rigorous schedules to date. In addition, senior Nikita Fomin debuted as the No. 124 singles player in the nation and the No. 11 singles player in the Atlantic Region.

"Earning a spot in the top 75 was where we expected to be heading into the year and I think results from our first few weeks set the tone for the remainder of the season," said eighth-year head coach Greg Munoz. "This was an extremely strong team and our schedule allowed us every opportunity to break into the top 60 by year's end."

As Coach Munoz predicted, the Colonials reached as high as No. 51 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Team Rankings. This was their highest ranking since No. 49, which they earned in March, 2013. The team opened the season with a 1-4 record and went on to win 13 of their next 15 matches. During this winning streak, GW secured Coach Munoz's 100th career victory at East Carolina. Their hard work paid off as GW finished their season by knocking off No. 50 VCU to claim the 2014 Atlantic 10 Men's Tennis Championship title. This was GW's third A-10 title in four years.

Aside from A-10 titles, Munoz's coaching has had 30 student-athletes named to A-10 All Conference Teams, four of whom were named Most Outstanding Rookie Performers of the Year. Munoz's talent was also reflected through the success of GW's women's tennis team.

"We have worked really hard this fall and will face

some tough competition this spring, particularly in VCU," Coach Munoz said regarding women's tennis. "To bring this team to the next level we need to experience that type of play. If we keep pushing our limits and keep improving every day as we are, we can compete with anyone."

Throughout the season, Munoz worked with the team to improve their doubles play. He also sought to increase their level of aggressiveness in singles. This improvement was particularly seen in sophomore Lana Robins, who secured a No. 17 singles ranking in the Atlantic 10 Region. By the end of the 2014 season, GW earned a No. 3 spot in the A-10 Championship and went on to win the tournament.

After completing fantastic seasons, GW bid goodbye to seniors Nikita Fomin, Sinan Ipeker, Viktor Svensson, Ulrik Thomsen, Isabella Escobar, and Leah Pascarella.





# Nationally Ranked







Front Row: Gabriel Rushton, Maddy Doyle, Jordan Timmer, Jessica Burr, Tyler Ockleberry, Natalie Leger  
Back Row: Assistant Coach Daniel Davidson, Asst. Coach Erin Moore, Loren Williams, Kelsey Newman, Chidima Osuchkwu, Jamie Armstrong, Landon Garvik, Maggie Skjelbred, Rachael Goss, Emily Clemens.

The women's volleyball team hosted the Atlantic10 Championship at the Smith Center for the third overall time since 1991.

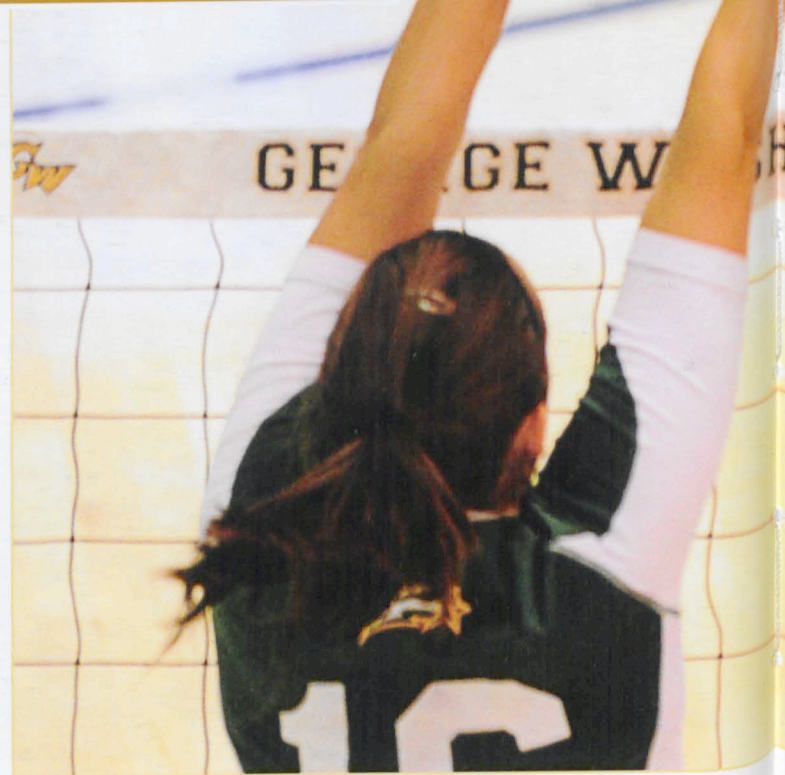
The 2013 George Washington volleyball team had a roster of seven returnees and seven newcomers under third-year head coach Amanda Ault. After missing the Atlantic 10 Championship last season, the Colonials set their eyes on returning to the tournament.

"It has been so long since we have had the opportunity to host the Atlantic 10 Championship," said Ault following preseason. "It is a very big deal. The team is ready to roll this weekend, but we also understand that this weekend starts the whole process of achieving our ultimate goal. We were picked to finish fifth in the Atlantic 10 Preseason Poll, and it inspires us because we have something to prove and we are ready to begin this journey."

The team understood that every game leading to the A-10 Championship mattered. Their best efforts were given during home games. The women dominated when they played in the Smith Center. They, like all Colonials, loved to protect their turf and GW won seven out of 11 home matches.

A major season highlight came when GW defeated the unbeaten VCU 3-2 for their third consecutive victory. Set scores were 17-25, 25-22, 25-18, 19-25, and 15-8. Junior Kelsey Newman led four players in double-digit kills with 19 winners. Senior Jessica Burr was on point at the service line, registering three service aces in addition to a career-high 12 digs.

GW concluded the 2013 season with an overall record of 16-14. The volleyball team also had 10 conference wins, the most

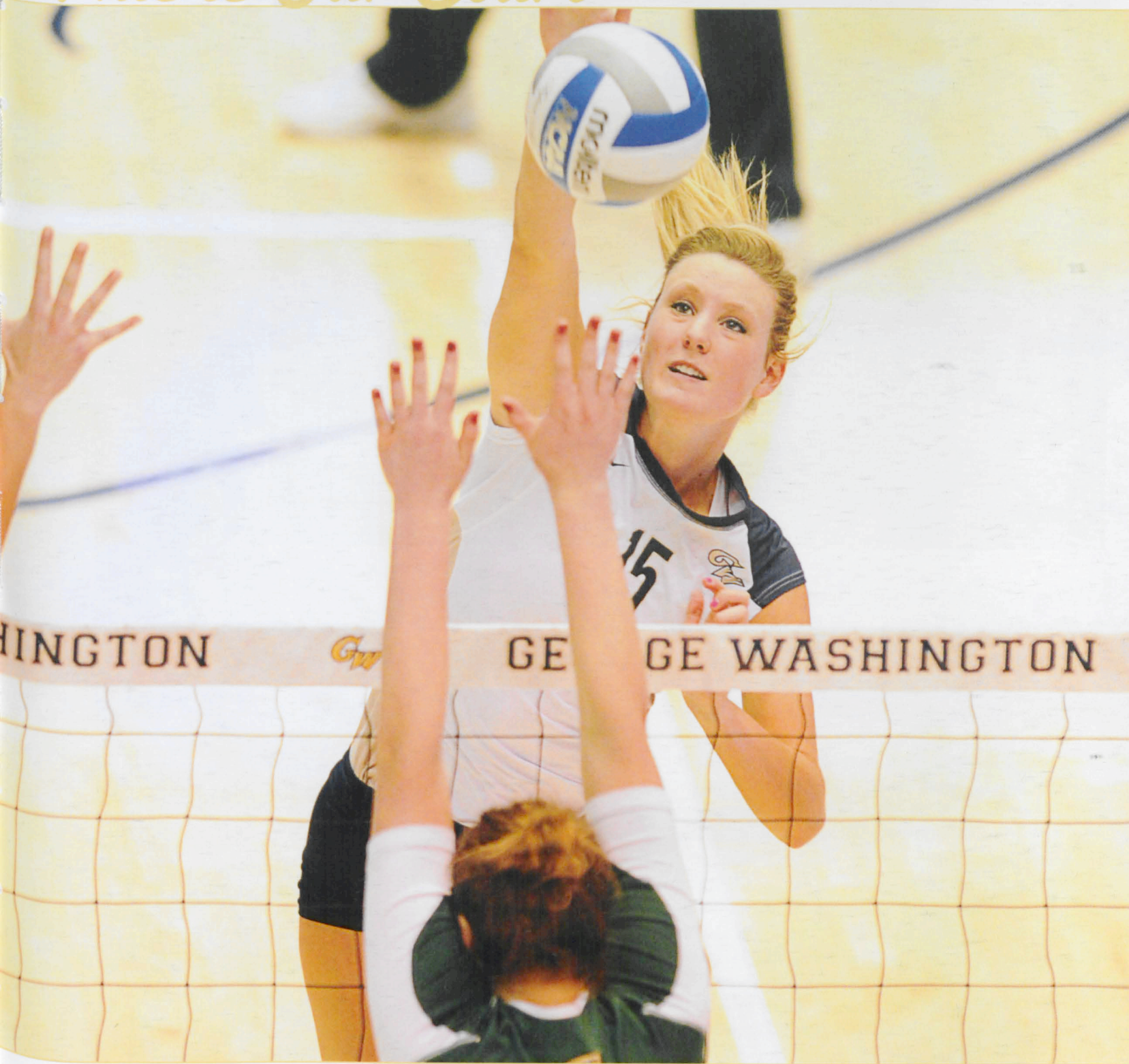


since 2002 and saw their first A-10 Championship victory since 2008. The team said goodbye to seniors Rachael Goss, Jamie Armstrong, and Jessica Burr.

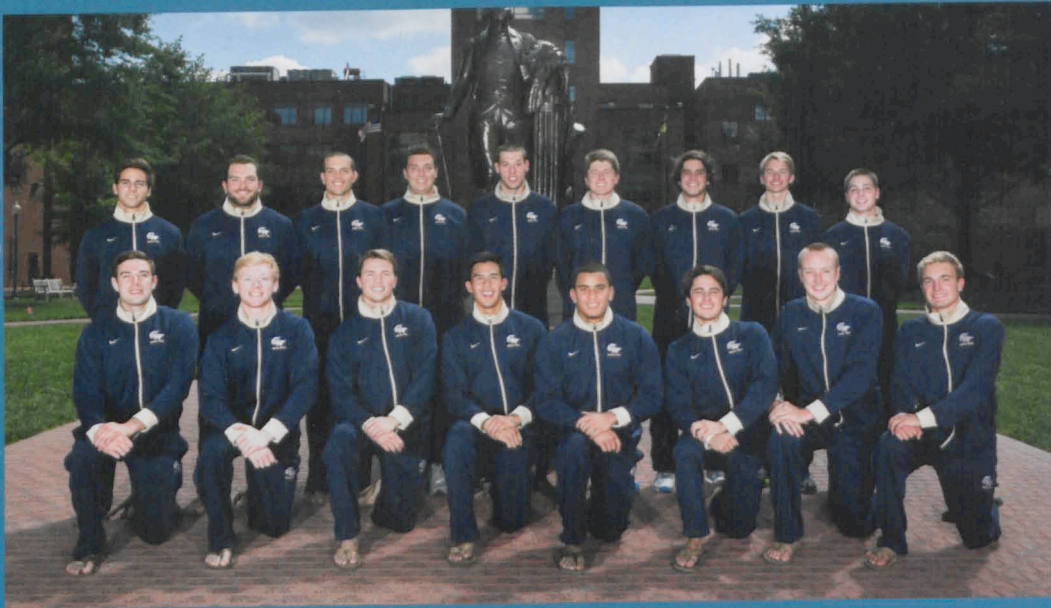
"Jamie and our other seniors, Goss and Burr, have done a great job of having the whole team on the same page," said Coach Ault. "They understand the importance of working together and supporting each other. They have done an outstanding job of setting the tone for this team and paving the way for the underclassman."



# *This is Our Court*







Front Row: Nate Little, Paul Deasey, Adam Wrobel, Brian Mojica, Matthew Williams, Rafi Castillo, Jonah Dowd, Alex Swart.  
Back Row: Connor Dillon, Ridvan Pehlivan, Adam Streeter, Alec Sedlachek, Bogdan Petkovic, Daniel Tyner, Jake Guso, Sander Profaci, Dennis Gut.

GW men's water polo broke into the Collegiate Water Polo Association's Varsity Top 10 national rankings at number 17, their highest spot since 2007.

The men's water polo team was comprised of 17 players this year. "It was a pretty easy transition for us from last year to this year with the amount of experience we return with," said head coach Scott Reed. The easy transition was exemplified in the Colonials four-game winning streak to open their season, shortly followed by five more consecutive wins. GW had their best start in Reed's 15-year career at the university.

Seniors Daniel Tyner and Nate Little lead the attack this season. "Dan was an effective attacker with a great outside shot, and Nate had that knack for finding the back of the net," said Reed. Tyner was the leading scorer with an impressive total of 70 goals. Another senior, Paul Deasey, has been a steady presence in all aspects of the game throughout his career, consistently scoring goals at nearly the same rate that he sets up his teammates.

One of the Colonials best games of the season was their 5-3 win against Johns Hopkins on November 22nd. GW posted one of its best defensive efforts of the year, holding Hopkins to just three goals. "It was a great win, great defensive effort," said Reed. "We wanted to focus on controlling the offense and being consistent for four quarters, and that's what we did. That was the key."

Sophomore goalkeeper Connor Dillon had a big game in the cage making 10 saves, including a stop on a five-meter shot in the first quarter. In addition, junior Brian Mojica dished out three assists in the match. The team finished with an overall record of 15-16. Seniors Tyner, Little, Deasey, and Adam Streeter will be sorely missed, although the upcoming team will be stronger than ever.





# Moving Up in the Ranks





## Women's Water Polo



Front: Maddy Johnson, Allyson Bakos, Ruti Zwick, Erin Dickson, Rachael Bentley, Sabrina Pierce, Kendal Blank, Brennan Marczewski.  
Back: Carolina Sandri, McKinlee Hand, Allison Littlejohn, Chandler Vilander, Katherine Berry, Mikaela Pyrch, Megan Brolley, Caterina Sesana, Addy Colona, Hannah Cox.  
Note Pictured: Jessie Sinkula.

Women's water polo's senior class of five accounted for more than 70 percent of the team's season goals.

GW water polo returned nearly 75 percent of an offense that scored a school-record of 318 goals a year ago, including three 50-goals scorers in seniors Rachael Bentley and Megan Brolley and sophomore Hannah Cox. The Colonials won 16 games in 2013, their most victories since the 2004 season. 15th-year head coach Scott Reed looked to build upon that success in the 2014 campaign.

Coach Reed put together a tough schedule to challenge and prepare his team for both the Southern Division and the CWPA Championships. "There were going to be no easy games whatsoever," Reed said. "There was no room to relax in the schedule. It was one of the most difficult schedules we've had in a while. We had to be on our toes and ready to play each game."

The team owed much of their success to the five senior's leadership and skill. Katherine Berry, Erin Dickson, Allison Littlejohn, Bentley, and Brolley

scored more than 70 percent of the goals in 2014. By midseason, the seniors scored 67 goals led by Brolley with 13, while Bentley has scored 12 along with 15 assists for a team-high 27 points.

Berry was a particularly noteworthy player as she served as the Colonial's primary center defender. She entered the season as GW's career and single-season record-holder in field blocks. In addition, Berry made large offensive contributions as well. "She's been working on her offense," commented Reed. "She stepped that up without sacrificing her job on the defensive side of things."

GW's season opener and 13-11 victory against Villanova showcased the senior's talent. This marked the Colonial's 10th straight win over the Wildcats. Littlejohn contributed three goals, four assists, and three steals. Bentley scored a team-best four goals while Berry and Brolley each added two.

Although the seniors will be missed next season, the Colonials predicted a strong 2015.





# *Moving Up in the Ranks*





## Cross Country



Mens: Kyle Ames, Seamus Roddy, Rob Craven, James Stern, Tyler Gillies, Marco Siragusa, Ryan Tucker, Jordan Pantalone

Womens: Erica Halvorson, Kirsten Zeller, Katie Luker, Sophie Martin, Aubrey Gunnels, Angel Ryck, Kelly Bartz, Macaulay Porter, Caroline Wolfe, Katie Bishop, Ariana North



GW's cross country teams ran an exciting fall season and look forward to welcoming a track team to their program.

We are very young, which is exciting," said third-year head coach Terry Weir about the men and women's teams. "They are growing pretty quick and it is fun to see their progression." The Colonials 2013-2014 cross country line-up was composed of nine male and ten female runners, with only two of the nineteen being seniors. Despite the lack of upperclassmen, both teams easily adjusted to a rigorous schedule.

The teams competed in five regular-season races. The first three meets, Mount St. Mary's Duals, Catholic Invitational, and Navy Invitational, occurred in a back-to-back succession. This proved to be a good opportunity to get the Colonials back into competitive shape.

A noteworthy season highlight for the men and women's teams was the Catholic Invitational. Both teams took second place on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Northeast Washington. Graduate student Angela Ryck finished in first place overall out of 53 runners. Ryck was joined in the top 10 by freshmen Ariana North and Macaulay Porter. North placed sixth in 23:28.90, followed by Porter in seventh in 23:42.30.

GW Department of Athletics and Recreation was also pleased to announce the reinstatement of a track program, effective for the 2014-2015 academic year. The reinstatement of indoor and outdoor track will increase the University's varsity, intercollegiate athletics teams to 27, and will also serve to boost a cross country program on the precipice of success.

"Runners want to run year round," Weir said, who will

assume additional responsibilities as head track coach. "By fielding an indoor and outdoor track team that will compete in the winter and spring seasons, not only are we giving our student-athletes additional opportunities for achievement, but we're aiding our training and recruiting efforts in cross country by giving our student-athletes the ability to compete in Atlantic 10 and NCAA championships year-round."

The Cross Country teams finished their season at the Atlantic 10 Championship and the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regionals. The teams demonstrated promising results for the following year, as the majority of their runners will remain. Colonials bid goodbye to seniors James Stern and Marco Siragusa.





# Running Progression





# Reporting for Duty

Co-President of GWU's Colonial Army Ian Mellul shared all that the Army does for GW.

Ian Mellul, a sophomore in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences majoring in political science, was a driving force behind the Colonial Army this year. The Colonial Army served as the University's official school spirit club, rallying the student body to support GW athletes.

"The Colonial Army makes up a large portion of the culture on campus," said Mellul. "Specifically the Colonial Army rallies around GW athletics, but it is much deeper than that. Members of the Colonial Army Raise High off-the-court just as much as on game day. The students that are coming to basketball games and other NCAA athletic events are kids who are interning on the Hill, working for a non-profit, and are very active in campus organizations and Greek life. This is what truly separates the Colonial Army from other student sections and fan groups in the A10 and the NCAA."

Aside from running the Colonial Army, Mellul was a legislative intern for Senator Brian Schatz. Going to and from his internship at the White House to the front row at the Smith Center's basketball court, Mellul truly embodied the patriotic vibe of the Colonial Army.

Membership for the Colonial Army skyrocketed during the 2013-2014 year. More than 500 students joined due to the fact that the membership fee was lifted. Mellul commented that the motivation behind lifting the membership fee was centered around getting more students to attend home games.

"One of the things I am most proud of this year is our close working relationship with the Athletic Department, and the Athletics staff really made the no membership fee happen," explained Mellul. "Specifically, Nicole Early—the Assistant Athletic Director for

tickets and marketing, and Athletic Director Patrick Nero are truly committed to not just student athletes but all students at GW. Together, we worked on the logistics, and since going free our membership has increased tremendously."

"My goal for the Army in the future is to round out the portfolio of Colonial Army activities," said Mellul. "I would like to partner up more with our Division I athletes at GW to do more community service, and really connect student-athletes to their fans that support them at every game. On a more game related scope, I would really like every game to have a sell-out crowd. As our team continues to have more and more success, I can really see that happening in the

next year or two."

No doubt that with Mellul and his co-president, Tessa Bay, in charge of the Army, Mellul's

future plans will succeed. Their success in rallying the student body was seen through packed stadiums and only one home game loss for the men's basketball team. Mellul looked back on the 2013-2014 year with pride.

"My favorite part about being Colonial Army president was by far being able to work with the Athletic Department on a regular basis to engage fans, plan events, and really contribute to the atmosphere, whether it be in the Smith Center, or on the Vern watching a soccer game—or anything in between," said Mellul. "My personal favorite moment as President has to be the VCU game. When the VCU busses showed up we thought we would be outnumbered, but the Army really pulled together to a season-high attendance record that night that really raised the bar for Smith Center cheering. The noise level in Smith has taken off since that win."

GW's Colonial Army raised high!

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# Portraits





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Class Of 2016

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Class Of 2015



**Robert Campbell**

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**Gabrielle Desir**

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**Chris Gellein**

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**Yaron Ginsberg**

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**Francis Graham**

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**Alexandra Hughes**

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**Tiffany Ismael**

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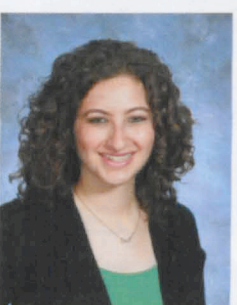




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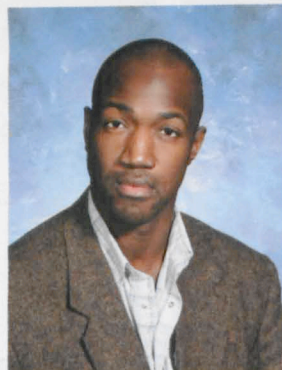
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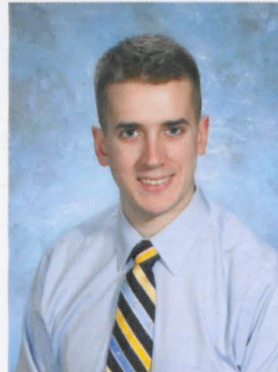
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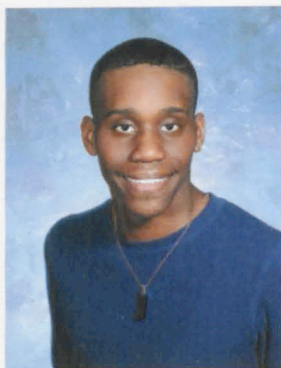
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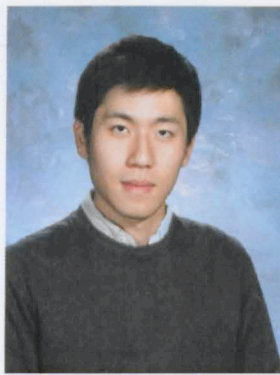
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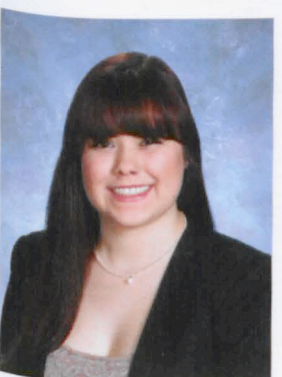
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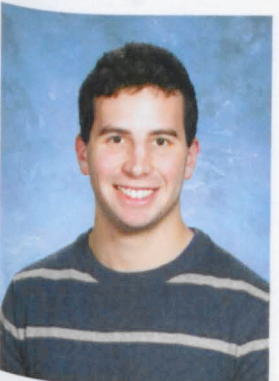




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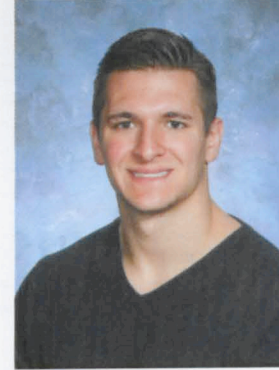
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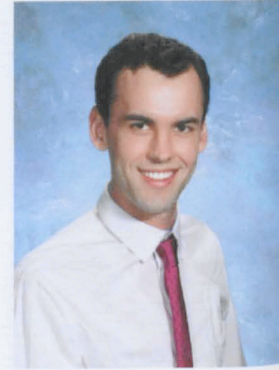
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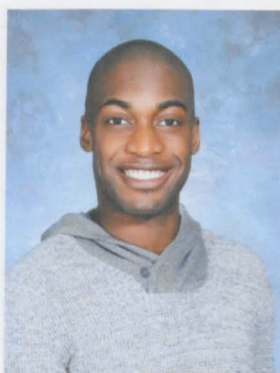
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***“If things don’t go as expected,  
make the unexpected work in  
your favor. Change the name of  
the dish.”***

***— Chef José Andres***



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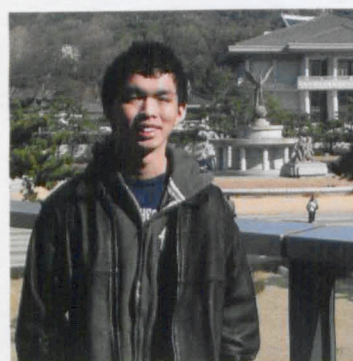
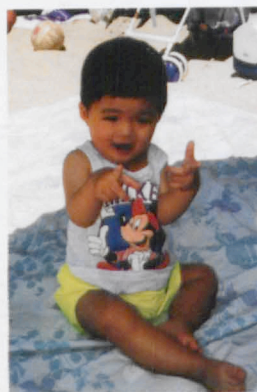


# C Christopher S. Yap

## Dear Christopher,

Congratulations, we are very proud of your many academic accomplishments and successes. We remember the first day you started pre-kindergarten at three years old, you left our sides with the bravery and eagerness to explore this new environment without fear. You faced each new challenge presented to you as a gigantic puzzle to be solved and conquered. As you graduate this year, be proud of yourself for your successful completion of college and achieving one of life's great endeavors. Treasure this moment, remember what you have learned in school and remember the different learning experiences you have encountered throughout your college years. This is not the end of a journey, but the beginning of your whole life. Take one giant leap forward into the world, embrace the new adventures you will be facing with the same eagerness and bravery you had when you were only three. Continue to work hard, strive to reach your dreams and goals and success will be yours. Enjoy your life after college, remember: "If you love your job, you will never work a day in your life."

Always with Love, Mom, Dad, Candace, Grandpa, Grandma and Ginger too!





# Ethan Bursofsky



**Ethan,**

We are so very proud of you! You have worked so hard at everything you do. You make a difference in peoples' lives, you have certainly made one in ours. We wish you every happiness in your life ahead. We love you! Mom, Dad & Anna



**Dear Brooke,**

Congratulations on an amazing adventure at GWU! We're so happy you took full advantage of everything your college experience could offer. Reflecting back on our hopes for you as you headed off to school four years ago, you've achieved all we could have imagined for you, both personally and academically. We couldn't be prouder, and wish you all the best as you begin your career!

Much love,  
Dad, Vy, Chloe & Ethan

# Brooke Nakatsukasa



# Brendan Dorsey

**Dear Brendan,**

We wish you all of the luck and happiness in the world as you begin your new adventures! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments at GWU! Congratulations!

Love from  
Mom, Dad and Brian

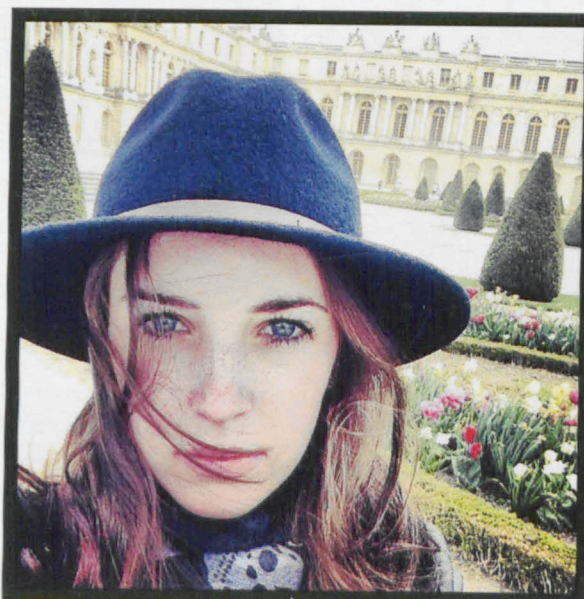
# Sarah Allen

**Sarah—**

Congratulations! We are incredibly proud of you, of all that you have achieved and of who you have become.

The world is yours....

We love you so very much,  
Mom, Dad and Lily



# Terasa Vassallo

**Terasa,**

Congratulations on an amazing academic journey...we knew, even back then, how successful you would be!

Love, Mom and Dad



# E<sup>m</sup>ma Todorovich



## Dear Emma,

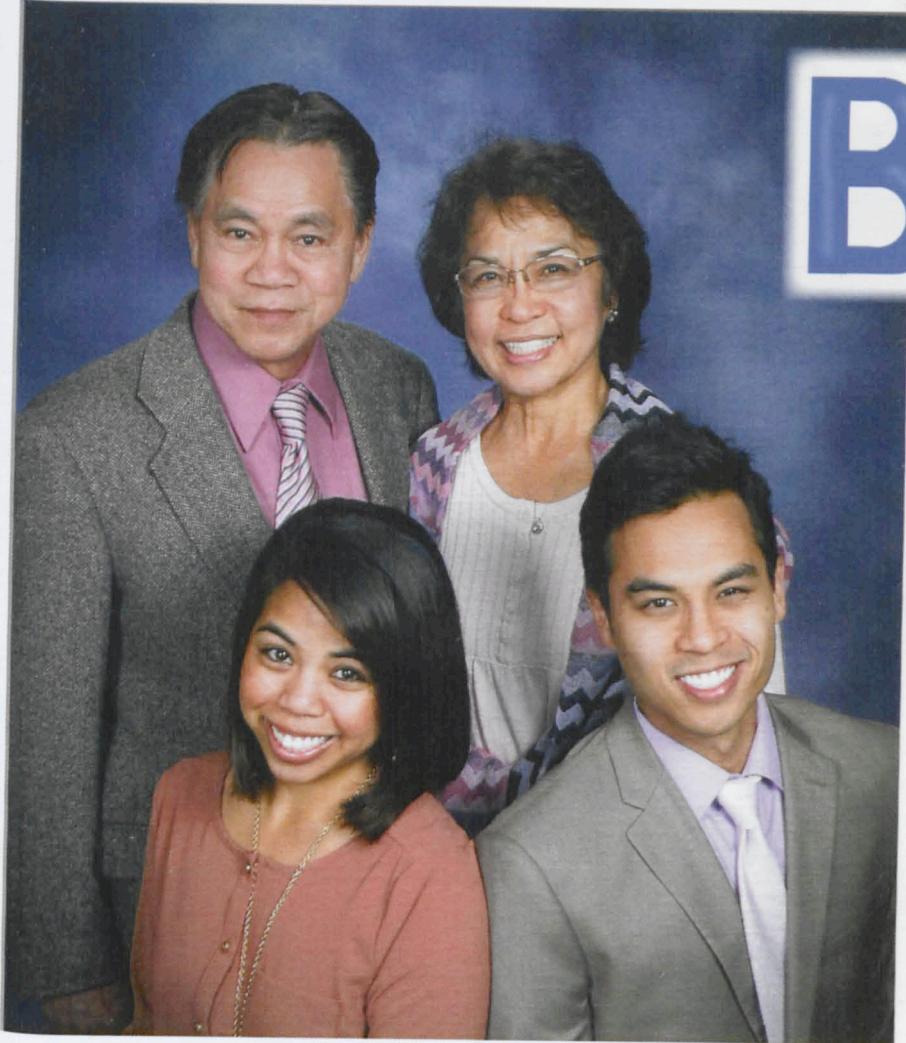
It seems like it was only yesterday when you graduated from kindergarten...and here we are celebrating your graduation at GW! We are so proud of you and so grateful to have you as our daughter. We admire your persistence and hard work, your compassion and kindness and your courage to tackle any obstacle. We know that you will do great things in the years to come and accomplish anything that you strive for.

Congratulations on this day Em!

We love you!

Mom and Dad





# B

## enjamin Jason Tabios Trevias

**Dear Son,**

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement. We are so proud of you and wish you the BEST for this wonderful career you have chosen. Someone as special as you have the ability to create a beautiful world of tomorrow. May God bless you and keep you always!

We love you,  
Mom, Dad and Joy

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a future."

—Jeremiah 29:11



# J

## oseph S. Reich

**Dear Joseph,**

Congratulations to you on your accomplishments.

Do something kind for everyone you touch and give your unique talents and important contributions to the world.

Love.

Mommy and Daddy



K

Khadija Lalani

## CONGRATULATIONS

## Dearest Khadija,

Congratulations on your Graduation! It is four years already and here we are at one of the biggest milestones in your journey! You have completed your under-graduate degree with flying colors and then to top it, landed the PAF Fellowship for your graduate degree. Well done! Bravo! You have achieved so much, been to so many places around the world. Your passion for international work and helping humanity clearly shines through. You are just beginning! You have many adventures ahead of you. The world will be your playground. May the best of all that life has to offer be yours, may the grace, blessings and protection of the Guiding Light be with you always and keep you happy, every moment, everyday. Our deepest love and prayers will always be with you. With all our love Mommy and Daddy.

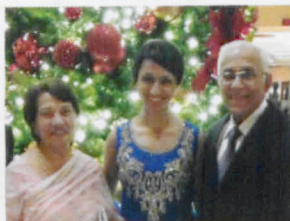
## Dear Khadija,

Congratulations on your graduation!

Words cannot describe how proud I am of you for all that you have accomplished thus far and for the remarkable person that you are. The sky is the limit for you, Khadija. Your passion, your big heart, and your dedication will take you so far and I can't wait to see what's in store for you. I am so blessed to have you as my sister and my best friend. I love you forever and always! Xoxo,  
Kulsum

## Dear Khadija,

Congratulations! Continue to move mountains, inspire others and reach for the top. And no matter where life takes you, always remember who you are. We love you.  
Joseph Grossman







# Maronel Steward

**Yes! You did it - Job well done.** Your future holds the rewards for all the hard work you put in. This is the beginning of a new era in your life and you can look forward to the road that lies ahead as you are equipped to meet the challenges coming your way.

May God bless you with favor and wisdom always. We are proud of you. Dad, Mom, and Jackie



## Corey Katz

### CONGRATULATIONS COREY KATZ!!

May your life continue to be filled with good friends, happy times and success after you leave GWU. Good luck to your roommates-Nick Holdreith and Kirk Wilson! With much pride, love and best wishes, Mom, Dad, Tanner and Dusty

## Tania Maldonado

### CONGRATULATIONS J AND T!!

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, Most High." 92  
"On the day I cried out, you answered;  
you strengthened my spirit." 138  
"The LORD is with me to the end.  
LORD, your mercy endures forever.  
Never forsake the work of your hands!" 138  
Muchas felicidades y bendiciones!  
Con mucho cariño,  
Dad, Mommy, Mami Marujita and Willy!



## Rachel Hildrich

**Rachel** we are, have always been, and will always be so very proud of you. Your accomplishments have been many - from scholastic achievements (Phi Beta Kappa and two internships), to your beautiful voice in GW Vibes and ongoing community involvement (Alpha Phi Omega and AmeriCorps). We love you always  
—Mom, Dad and Lena.



# Caitlin Simpson

Dear Caitlin,

"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." Congratulations Caitlin PSA 2014. Love Mom Dad Victor and Mairead





# Mariah Zwicker

**Mariah,**

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. We hope that the great friendships and cherished memories of GW last a lifetime. May your GW education and world experiences bring you great opportunities in your future career and as you continue your journey through life. You are a wonderful daughter.

Congratulations to you and the class of 2014.

Love Mom and Dad



# Shelby Rosenberg

**Dear Shelby,**

Congratulations on earning your Bachelor of Arts from George Washington University, Class of 2014!

We are very proud of you and admire your sense of determination and integrity that has led you to this achievement.

Here's to another bright beginning! With love, Dad, Mom, Amanda, Whitney, Andrew and all of your extended family



# Robert Lyche



**Congratulations Robert!**

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and your accomplishments at GWU.

May you always follow your dreams and may your dreams always come true. Remember... "there's always something to look at if you open your eyes."

All Our Love,  
Mom, Dad & Ashley

# Devin Bageac



**Dear Devin,**

We could not be more proud....

Keep Striving

Keep Climbing

Lots of Love,

Mom, Dad and Ruxandra



# Samuel Hudis



**Sam,**

Congratulations on your graduation from GW! Here's to your continuing to reach great heights in your own way!  
All our love,  
Mom, Dad, Yoni and Isaac



# Molly Hoffman



## Dear Molly –

We are so excited and proud to celebrate your graduation from The George Washington University. You enter the working world with a degree in marketing and a minor in communications, diversified internship and work experiences, a study abroad semester in Sydney, and example after example of your leadership qualities.

We love your signature “thumbs up” pose, your beaming, beautiful smile, and your endless energy and enthusiasm!

From your first few days on GW’s “Adventure Bound” (PE) trip, to leading an Adventure Bound trip, to joining the incredible sisterhood, Sigma Kappa, and to being selected as a member of Colonial Cabinet – you always sought out opportunities to get involved on campus and share your excitement!

Each semester you jam-packed your class schedule, interned, participated in Sigma Kappa activities and made the time to enjoy your many, many friends – always living life at full throttle! You are city wise and a confident global traveler.

We love watching the way you joyously greet each new day, each new opportunity and each new adventure.

With love and admiration,  
Mom, Dad and Ari





# Gina DePalo



## Our Beautiful Gina Bina,

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes....times 4....how do you measure your time at GW?

You've had a great run, with fabulous friends, super memories, and even greater accomplishments.

We are all so VERY proud of you!!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Gary, Juliette, and Mocha

# Ross Widham



## Dear Ross,

Congratulations on your remarkable achievement: Graduating from GW with a B.B.A. in Finance in four years! You did it on your own terms; applying to only one school, studying abroad, active in Sig Ep, making friends for life. And, you are starting a terrific career! We are so proud of you, not just your accomplishments (as great as they are!), but for the person you are. You lead your life with integrity as a kind, compassionate, fun-loving and thoughtful son, brother and friend to many. We love you so much, and though distance may separate us, you are close in our hearts! Love, Mom and Rick

# Katherine Wynne

Katherine, you are loved and cherished. You are dazzling, accomplished and vibrant, and you have only just begun. Congratulations!

Love always, Mom





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# *Congratulations & Best Wishes*

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